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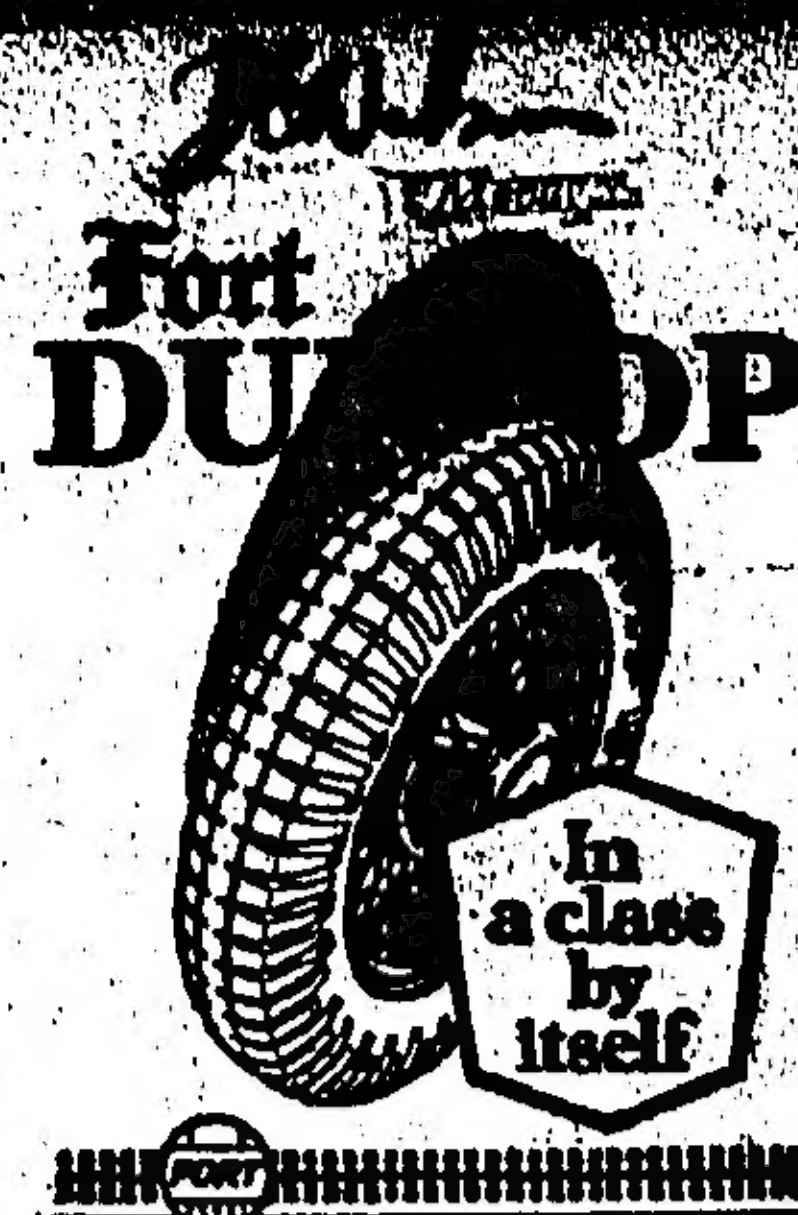
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JAPANESE REJECT ADMIRAL KELLY'S PEACE OVERTURES

ADMIRAL KELLY'S PEACE OVERTURES

ACCEPTABLE TO THE CHINESE

REJECTED BY JAPANESE

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

Intermittent battles at Chapei and Woosung have left the Chinese and Japanese occupying the identical positions of the preceding day, though a mass attack is expected to-day on Woosung which has become a matter for the attention of the regular Japanese army.

Admiral Kelly's informal overtures for a cessation of hostilities are acceptable to the Chinese, but the Japanese have rejected the proposals which they are not willing to consider until the Chinese withdraw fifteen to twenty miles from the International Settlement.

LABOUR CENSURE MOTION REJECTED.

Cabinet Responsibility, Poverty and India.

400 MAJORITY.

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons to-day, by 438 votes to 39 rejected the Labour vote of censure of Government for dropping the principle of Cabinet responsibility, for failing to deal with the poverty of the people, and for initiating a "Reign of Terror in India."

Mr. Baldwin justified the departure from Cabinet responsibility on the ground that it would have been a grave matter for the world at large, if, within a few months of the inauguration of the National Government, any of its members seceded.—Reuter.

DEMILITARISATION OF CHINA PORTS.

U.S. OPPOSITION.

Washington, Yesterday. It is understood that the United States Government will reject any plan for demilitarisation of the principal ports of China.—Reuter's American Service.

DEAN OF CANTERBURY.

Sails for China.

VISIT TO FLOODED AREAS.

London, Yesterday. "I am hoping to land at Shanghai if there is any Shanghai left when I arrive," declared the Rt. Rev. Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, discussing with Reuter's representative his mission to the flooded areas of China, for which country he sails to-day.

He added that if it was impossible to proceed via Shanghai, he would disembark at Hong Kong.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

"FREE PORTS."

London, Yesterday.

In order to save re-export of trade amounting to sixty-four million sterling annually, which is jeopardised by the new tariff system, Government has decided, according to newspapers, to declare all big British ports as "Free Ports."

IRISH FREE STATE ELECTIONS.

Enthusiasm Is Unprecedented.

A WOMAN CANDIDATE.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday. The Election fever, which is sweeping the Irish Free State to-day, is of unprecedented intensity since the signing of the Treaty.

Nomination papers of candidates, nomination takes place to-morrow were handed in to-day throughout the twenty-six counties.

At the last election, five years ago, there were 264 candidates for 153 seats, to-day it is expected 270 will contest the seats.

The Government Party, at the dissolution, numbered 65, and De Valera's Republican Party 55.

It is expected there will be only one woman candidate (Mrs. O'Driscoll) who is a sister of the late Michael Collins.

MORE IDLE BRITONS.

London, Yesterday.

January employment returns are unpleasant reading. They reveal an increase of 218,000 as compared with the December figures. This is officially ascribed to seasonal fluctuation.—Reuter.

HOW THE JAPANESE WERE TRICKED

A CHINESE RUSE TO STOP SHELL FIRE

BLUEJACKET'S STORY

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

A Japanese bluejacket tells an interesting story, tending to explain the mystery of the persistent reports of the capture of Woosung.

He said that the Japanese ships, lying in the stream, were dropping shells on the fortifications ashore and apparently doing considerable damage, when an officer, watching the Chinese positions through field glasses, suddenly shouted: "They surrender!" The naval guns, thereupon, ceased fire, and the sailors cheered as the "Rising Sun" flag was observed fluttering from the staff of a peak ashore. It was thought, at first, that a landing party must have taken the forts from the rear, but the officers were puzzled and for some reason believed it to be a Chinese ruse for the purpose of stopping Japanese shell fire, which, precisely, proved to be the case.

SPEED RECORD.

New Mark for "Baby" Car Established.

Rugby, Yesterday. On Pendine Sands, Cornwall, to-day, George Eyston, the well-known racing motorist, in a seven horse power British M.G. established a fresh baby car record with an average speed, over two one mile runs, of 117½ miles per hour. This exceeds the previous record, held by Lord Ridley, by 12½ miles per hour. At one time Eyston exceeded 120 miles per hour. Bad visibility owing to fog made the exploit very hazardous.—British Wireless Service.

A CHURCH "DATAS."

The verger of St. John's Church, Westford (says a Star gossip), can give the first line of any hymn of which he is given the number or the number of any hymn of which he is given the first line. This feat of memorising over 1,200 hymns has won him the title of the "Church Datas."

At a recent church bazaar Mr. Edgars' claim was put to the test, and although scores of people paid 6d. to try and catch him, no one succeeded.

FINE WEATHER COMING.

The Royal Observatory's report issued to-day states:

The anti-cyclone is central to the North of Vladivostok, moving East. Another is forming over China.

A depression has formed to the East of the Loochoos.

Forecast:—N. winds, strong; overcast at first, finer later.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—0.74 inch. Total since January 1—1.71 inches against an average of 1.99 inches—deficit .28 inch.

Temperature.

Hong Kong	49
Macao	45
Prata's Island	57
Manila	58
Pochoy	54
Anoy	54
Chao	59
Shanghai	58

WOOSUNG VILLAGE FALLS TO JAPANESE

ATTACK ON WOOSUNG FORTS IN PREPARATION

JAPANESE ADMIRAL INTERVIEWED

TEACHING CHINESE A LESSON: WHY HEAVY GUNS WERE USED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Yesterday.

By mid-day to-day observers reported that the Japanese had taken Woosung village, and that Chinese soldiers, from that direction, had withdrawn in a westerly direction into the country. COUNTRYSIDE SHELLED.

Two Japanese destroyers, lying alongside the railway wharf, are shelling the country behind the village.

It is now computed that the Japanese have 2,500 men landed against an estimated Chinese strength of 1,000.

MASSING FOR ATTACK ON FORT.

A movement towards the Fort is now momentarily expected, and the Japanese are barring the passage to anyone going in the direction of Woosung, and destroying all foreign style villas in the Kiangwan area for the purpose of obtaining a clear view of the Chinese lines in Chapei, which are now quiet.

Observers anticipate that the war will soon be transferred from Shanghai into Liuho and Chenju and other points.

CYNICAL JAPANESE ADMIRAL.

The local Press interviewed Admiral Shiozawa aboard his flagship to-day, and gathered that, apparently, the whole of the operations are intended to administer a lesson, which the Japanese consider the Chinese require.

When questioned as to why heavy field guns had been used, the Admiral cynically replied, because it is understood, the Shanghai people objected to aeroplane bombing.

He was surprised there was so much uneasiness over the whole business.

THE TARIFF POLICY ISSUE

LIBERAL SAMUELITES OFFER OPPOSITION

SIMONITES SUPPORT

TEST BY-ELECTIONS AT SOUTH CROYDON AND NEW FOREST.

London, Yesterday.

How far Government retains the allegiance of

constituencies, since the disclosure of its fiscal policy, should be revealed to-day in the by-elections at South Croydon and New Forest, both straight fights between Conservatives and Labour.

The Liberal attitude crystallised at a meeting of the Samuel group of about twenty, including the Lloyd George family when it was decided to co-operate to offer firm opposition to the tariff proposals.

On the other hand, Simonites continue to support the Government.

INCOME-TAX REDUCTION?

Political correspondents claim inspiration for forecasting that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is definitely aiming at a reduction of sixpence in the income tax and a new tax on foreign tea.—Reuter.

LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING.

Dr. Yen's Request.

Geneva, Yesterday.

Dr. W. W. Yen has requested the immediate summoning of a meeting of the League Council to discuss the Consular report, in view of "the most terrible happenings in Shanghai in the past ten days, when the Japanese, by bombing and gunfire, had killed and wounded thousands of innocent men, women and children, and by incendiaryism had destroyed thousands of houses; and in view of the fact that the Japanese Army and Japanese Navy were enacting all kinds of horrors and cruelties in the war. Every minute of delay and inaction by the League means an increased loss of life and property, and the League's responsibility is very great."—Reuter.

IN INDIA.

General Situation Is Improving.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The latest reports from India indicate that the general situation has improved and is regarded as satisfactory in North West Frontier Province.

The observance of "Frontier Day" on February 5 passed off without incident and the improvement previously reported has been maintained. There are definite signs that the agitation in the United Provinces is on the wane and there has been a definite decline in activity in the Bombay Presidency. The situation in other provinces gives no cause for anxiety.—British Wireless Service.



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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:—
5-8 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records.
5-5.53 p.m.—Variety.

Song—
Bubbling Over With Love,
Let's Get Friendly,
Florence Oldham, Comedienne (DB530).

Band—
San,
The Lonesome Road,
Ted Lewis and His Band (CB63).

Comedy Sketch—
Motoring,
Harry Tate and Company (DX215).

Instrumental Duets—
Medley of Irish Polkas,
Manchester and Fisher—Medley,
Anonymous (G8530).

Scotch Song—
Shiela McKay,
The Train That's Taking You Home,
Will Fyffe, Comedian (9776).

Instrumental—
Dolores' Waltz,
My Heart is Yours,
The Odeon Argentinians (12152-F).

Song—
I Surrender, Dear,
It Must Be True,
Jack Plant (Baritone) (DB522).

5.53-6.29 p.m.—Orchestral.
Stenka Razin (Glazounov),
Orchestra of the Brussels
Royal Conservatoire (L2183-4).

Don Juan (Tone Poem) (R. Strauss),
Bruno Walter conducting the
Royal Philharmonic
Orchestra (L2067-8).

6.29-7.20 p.m.—A Concert.
Piano Solo—
Waldesrauschen (Liszt),
Left Poulshoff (2053-D).

Song—
The Song is Done
(Connelly & Stolz),
I'll Always Be True
(Connelly & Benatzky),
Marie Burke (Soprano) (DB529).

Cello Solo—
Monette (Haydn, arr. Burmester & Moffat),
Chanson Villageoise No. 2
(Poppo),
Gaspar Cassella (D1613).

Chorus—
Chauve-Souris—
The Alluring Gipsy Girl,
Chauve-Souris—Two Gypsies,
M. Ballet's Chauve-Souris
Company (DB521).

Piano Solo—
Sonata (Pathétique) in C Minor
(Beethoven),
William Murdoch (9362).

Song—
The Gay Highway
(Lockton & Drummond),
On the Road (Longstaffe),
Robert Easton, Boys (5581).

Viola Solo—
Minuet (Brahms arr. Tertis),
On the Wings of Song
(Mendelssohn arr. Tertis),
Lionel Tertis (D1637).

7.20-8 p.m.—Light Pianoforte Solos.
Song Hits—Medley,
Billy Mayerl (DB534).

Wake Up and Dream—Medley,
Love Lies—Medley,
Billy Mayerl (5395).

Nippy—Medley,
Billy Mayerl (DB288).

Mr. Cinders—Selection,
Billy Mayerl (5338).

8 p.m.—Local Time.
8.03-11.30 p.m.—Relay from Ko
Shing Theatre.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.
All records in the above Euro-
pean programmes are kindly sup-
plied by the Anderson Music Co.

A GERMAN "WAR".

The German gramophone "war" has ended. It will be remembered that the gramophone manufacturers sent an ultimatum to the broadcasting authorities forbidding the use of gramophone records in the programmes after December 6. In an agreement just concluded the use of records is authorised on condition that gramophone concerts do not absorb more than two hours per day. Records may be freely used to illustrate talks, but the gramophone companies are determined that their records shall not be used for the compilation of "whole programmes."

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

"MERELY MARY ANN."

If everybody would take a definite amount of exercise every day, there would not be nearly so many doctors. This is the firm belief of both Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell, co-starred in the Fox production, "Merely Mary Ann," now playing to absolutely packed houses at the King's Theatre.

"Exercise is the secret," Miss Gaynor says. "People whose work is physical, of course, do not need it, but for the vast majority, who use their muscles very little, regular exercise is invaluable."

"Almost anything that takes one outdoors and keeps him moving is beneficial," Farrell believes. "Even if a man hasn't the facilities to play tennis or golf, long walks will keep him in shape, and avoid a great deal of illness in later life."

During the making of "Merely Mary Ann," investigation proved that every member of the company was an "exercise addict." J. M. Kerrigan was a noted football player in Ireland before he became an actor, and he spends much of his spare time boxing and handball.

Director Henry King is a golf and swimming enthusiast; G. P. Huntley, jun., has won a number of cups in squash and tennis, and gets in at least three fast sets a day; Tom Whitley specialises in boxing and running; Lorna Balfour is a crack long-distance swimmer, and Beryl Mercer and Arnold Lucy both claim membership in the fast disappearing race of pedestrians.

"THE GANG BUSTER."

Although Jack Oakie and Jean Arthur have been under contract to Paramount for nearly three years, they play their first picture together in "The Gang Buster," which the King's Theatre will feature soon.

Jean Arthur's roles have taken her mostly into the realm of mystery melodrama, with such hits as "The Canary Murder Case" and

"The Mysterious Dr. Manchú" joins these players in a picture which combines mysterious melodrama and comedy, with the comedy predominating.

"The Gang Buster" deals with the exciting experiences of an accident insurance salesman among the racketeers of the underworld.

"SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK."

Reproducing street scenes in New York in a California picture studio called for elaborate technical work in the filming of "Sidewalks of New York," Buster Keaton's newest starring picture, which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

Keaton plays a millionaire's son seeking to reform the children of the tenement districts. Anita Page is the heroine, and the supporting cast includes Cliff Edwards, Frank Rowan and Norman Phillips, jun.

"DIXIANA."

An entire stage "went Monte Carlo" during the filming of Radio Pictures' dramatic music play, "Dixiana," which is coming to the Queen's Theatre to-morrow.

More than \$100,000 was spent in furnishing a luxurious gambling salon in ornate Louis XIV style.

The salon consisted of an entertainment room, the decorative scheme being golden sculpture featuring cupids and a horn of plenty; and a gambling room, hung with rich damasks and tapestries—the latter copies of famous works by Watteau, Boucher and Fragonard.

Roulette tables, faro banks, and poker tables, presided over by former professional gamblers, completed the realism of this important sequence in the Radio Pictures production based on life in 1840 near New Orleans.

"Dixiana" is Bebe Daniels' fourth Radio film. Opposite her is the handsome Metropolitan opera baritone, Everett Marshall. More than 5,000 persons take part in spectacular scenes of the production, done in technicolour.

STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for February, 1932. (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follows:—

Date	a.m.	p.m.
9	6.59	6.18
10	6.59	6.17
11	6.58	6.18
12	6.58	6.18
13	6.57	6.19
14	6.57	6.19
15	6.56	6.20
16	6.56	6.20
17	6.55	6.21
18	6.54	6.21
19	6.54	6.22
20	6.53	6.22
21	6.52	6.23
22	6.51	6.23
23	6.50	6.23
24	6.49	6.24
25	6.49	6.24
26	6.48	6.25
27	6.47	6.25
28	6.47	6.25
29	6.46	6.27

LONDON'S COLOUR BAR.

Professor Who Cannot Go Into An Hotel.

"London is the only city in Great Britain which has the notoriety of having a colour bar," declared Professor D. D. Tengu Jabavu, of Fort Hare Native College, Cape Province, the Bantu leader, speaking at a luncheon given in his honour by the London Free Church Federation. He would not be allowed, he said, to go into an hotel, though there was no bar in such cities as Birmingham or Manchester. He realised that London had the bar not because she was wicked but because she was a business centre. Referring to the position of natives in South Africa, Professor Jabavu said that they were sufferers under the grant of self-government to their country. He felt certain that Great Britain would never have given self-government to South Africa if she had known what was to be the fate of the native races.

A Christian must be a rebel against the modern world, which more and more enslaves men, which gives them less and less the power of choice.—Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

I am always glad to be called a Communist.—Mr. Bernard Shaw.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.
To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre; "Merely Mary Ann."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Sidewalks of New York."

To-day—Central Theatre; "Charley's Aunt."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Diplomatic."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Five and Ten."

To-day—Harmston's Circus, opposite Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

Home Mails.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Gange); Outward for Europe via Suez (Gange), 4.30 p.m.

EROS DAMAGE "AT LEAST £40."

Accused Clerk Prepared to Meet the Charge.

On charges of using insulting behaviour and of wilfully and maliciously damaging the Shaftesbury memorial statue in Piccadilly—circus—better known as Eros—Hugh William McKenzie, aged 22, clerk, of Blessington Road, Lewisham, S.E., appeared on remand at Marlborough Street Police Court recently.

The damage is alleged to have occurred on New Year's Eve. McKenzie was in the dock for only two minutes, and he was then remanded on bail until January 22.

Mr. Allan Smith (for the L.C.C.) explained that the original remand was granted so that authorities might have an opportunity of examining the memorial.

As a result, it had been revealed that the damage was far more extensive than they imagined at first.

Mr. Mead (the magistrate).—What is the minimum damage?—The minimum would be £40.

Mr. Mead.—If you put it on that basis, of course, I cannot deal with it. It would have to go for trial.

A Different Charge.
Mr. Smith said that once the damage had been finally assessed it might be that they would ask the magistrate's permission to prefer a charge under a different Act. Under this Act the magistrate could deal with the matter summarily and he could order McKenzie to pay the damage done.

Mr. Claud Hornby (for McKenzie), who offered no objection to a further remand, said that when the time came McKenzie would be prepared to meet the charge in what he suggested was the only way he could meet it.

A YORKSHIREMAN.

The High Commissioner for New Zealand, Sir Thomas Wilford, has made a little protest against the slowness with which the British public learns to Buy British.

"We are a queer people," he said, "I am a Britisher as much as any of you. My father was born in Yorkshire, the biggest, bonniest, and best of the counties, and, I repeat, we are queer. We will not believe until facts are hammered into us. Even Joseph Smith had to drown three of his brides before people would believe it was possible."

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HURRICANE INNINGS BY E. C. FINCHER.

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Boundaries.

HUNTER'S FINE 'KEEPING.

In an all-day match at the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday J. C. Loyal's XI defeated F. Goodwin's XI by five wickets.

Taking first use of an easy-paced wicket F. Goodwin's XI looked like scoring a big total until the first wicket fell at 28. A spirited knock by Goodwin who scored 33 out of the 40 runs added for the third wicket, however, changed the situation somewhat. With the fall of Goodwin the remaining batsmen, with the exception of Lawrence, offered little resistance.

The main feature of the innings was the display given by J. Hunter behind the sticks. Besides stumping three batsmen he caught one and did not allow a single extra.

E. C. Fincher's first century of the season was the result of very fine innings. He attacked the bowling from the onset and so over-shadowed his partner, G. Lee, that he had scored 108 out of a total of 138 whilst Lee scored 25 out of the 125 runs put on for the second wicket. Included in Fincher's knock were no fewer than twenty boundary hits. His most productive strokes were the straight drive and the hook shot.

Scores:—

F. Goodwin's XI.		
N. A. E. Mackay, st. Hunter, b. Lee	32	
F. S. W. Smith, b. Skinner	12	
G. C. Burnett, c. Hunter, b. Loyal	11	
F. Goodwin, c. Raven, b. Loyal	33	
P. W. Crawley, run out	0	
R. G. V. Mead, c. Fincher, b. Loyal	0	
G. A. White, c. and b. Fincher	9	
C. J. Tacchi, b. Skinner	10	
H. M. McTavish, st. Hunter, b. Skinner	0	
F. E. Lawrence, st. Hunter, b. Loyal	41	
W. W. Hirst, not out	0	
Extras	0	

Total 148

Fall of the Wickets.		
1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.		
O.	M.	R.
Skinner	10	2
Loyal	13.3	8
Lee	4	1
Fincher	3	0
Raven	3	0

J. C. Loyal did not bat.
Fall of the Wickets.

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Loyal	13.3	8
Lee	4	1
Fincher	3	0
Raven	3	0

Our Sports Diary.

HOCKEY—To-day—Radio v. German Club; St. Andrew's v. Signals.
To-morrow—St. Andrew's v. University H.
Thursday—Y.M.C.A. II v. St. Andrew's; University v. Radio.
Friday—Police v. Club "A".
HUNTING—To-morrow—Felling Hunt Hounds Meet at Pine Tree Hill at 3.15 p.m.
GOLF—Thursday—Taggart Cup Final (Ladies).
CRICKET—Saturday—League I—Grangevower C.C. v. Royal Navy (L); Civil Service C.C. v. University (L); Royal Artillery v. Hong Kong C.C. (F); League II—Club de Recreo v. Indian R.C. (L); University v. Grangevower C.C. (L); Hong Kong C.C. v. Royal Engineers (F).
FOOTBALL—Saturday—First Division—Club v. St. Joseph's; Second Division—Navy v. Twelfth Battery R.A.C. v. Club; Third Division—Royal Engineers v. Royal Artillery; Fourth Division—Chinese League—Sun Ching v. Chinese Athletic "A"; Yee Woc v. Chinese Athletic "B"; South China "B" v. South China "A".

SERVICES DRAW WITH HONG KONG C.C.

Late Declaration Saves
the Situation.

BECK RETURNS GOOD FIGURES.

At the H.K.C.C. the United Services were able to force a draw with the Hong Kong Cricket Club thanks to a late declaration on the part of the H.K.C.C. skipper.

At the close of play the Services were 141 runs in arrears with only one wicket to fall.

Beck, the Club fast bowler, enjoyed a good match and returned the following splendid bowling analysis for the match:—

O. M. R. W.		
37	14	79
8		
Full scores were as follows:—		
Hong Kong C.C.—1st Innings.		
J. E. Richardson, l.b.w., b. Anstruther	43	
E. R. Duckitt, c. Wales, b. Musson	84	
G. R. Sayer, c. Birt, b. Anstruther	1	
R. H. Griffiths, b. Anstruther	0	
H. Owen Hughes, b. Musson	1	
E. J. R. Mitchell, c. and b. Musson	27	
L. T. Ride, l.b.w., b. Musson	30	
A. C. Beck, b. Anstruther	5	
H. J. Armstrong, c. Mirehouse, b. Musson	18	
D. McLellan, not out	18	
R. M. Wood, c. Mirehouse, b. Musson	4	
Extras (B25, LB6)	31	

Total 209
Fall of Wickets:—1 for 75; 2 for 90; 3 for 90; 4 for 91; 5 for 92; 6 for 134; 7 for 158; 8 for 179; 9 for 182; 10 for 202.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.		
Sig. Williams	10	2
Capt. Mirehouse	14	0
A. H. Musson	22.1	4
Anstruther	17	4
United Services—1st Innings.		
A. L. Birt (R.A.), c. Wood, b. Beck	5	
Sig. Williams (R.C.S.), b. McLellan	9	
Mid. Macfarlan (R.N.), c. Sayer, b. McLellan	11	
A. H. Musson (R.A.), b. Beck	7	
Lt. Villiers (R.N.), b. Beck	20	
Lt. Watson (R.N.), b. Beck	4	
Capt. Wales (S.W.B.), b. McLellan	2	
Capt. Barry (R.A.), c. Ride b. Richardson	18	
Lt. Comdr. Mundy (R.N.), c. Sayer, b. Duckitt	21	
Lt. Anstruther (R.E.), run out	9	
Capt. Mirehouse (Glosters), not out	2	
Extras (B5 LB1)	6	

Total 114
Fall of Wickets:—1 for 6; 2 for 29; 3 for 30; 4 for 52; 5 for 60; 6 for 61; 7 for 67; 8 for 92; 9 for 106; 10 for 114.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.		
Beck	16	5
Owen Hughes	3	0
McLellan	12	3
Richardson	4	0
Duckitt	3.1	0
Hong Kong C.C.—2nd Innings.		
J. E. Richardson, c. Wales, b. Mirehouse	55	
G. R. Sayer, b. Anstruther	16	
E. J. R. Mitchell, st. Birt, b. Mirehouse	59	
L. T. Ride, c. Mirehouse, b. Mundy	32	
H. Owen Hughes, not out	80	
E. R. Duckitt, not out	8	
Extras (B5, LB3, WB2)	10	

Total (for 4 wks., dec.) 210
R. H. Griffiths, A. C. Beck, D. McLellan, H. J. Armstrong, and R. M. Wood did not bat.

Fall of Wickets:—1 for 28; 2 for 130; 3 for 139; 4 for 192.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.		
Anstruther	6	0
Musson	9	1
Villiers	6	0
Mirehouse	7	0
Mundy	11	1
Williams	6	1
United Services—2nd Innings.		
A. L. Birt, b. McLellan	1	
Sig. Williams, c. Griffiths, b. McLellan	21	
Mid. Macfarlan, l.b.w., b. Duckitt	80	
A. H. Musson, c. and b. Beck	1	
Lt. Villiers, c. Owen Hughes, b. Beck	18	
Capt. Wales, run out	14	
Lt. Watson, b. Beck	4	
Lt. Anstruther, c. Wood, b. Owen Hughes	4	
Lt. Comdr. Mundy, c. Wood, b. Beck	5	
Capt. Barry, not out	24	
Capt. Mirehouse, not out	24	
Extras (B20 LB2 NB2 WB1)	25	

Total (for 3 wks.) 167

DUNDEE UNITED PROCEED.

Defeat Queen of South
After Three Attempts.

AT GLASGOW.

London, Yesterday.

In the second round replay of the Scottish Cup match between Dundee United and the Queen of the South at Glasgow, Dundee won by the odd goal in three after three encounters.—Reuter.

GENE TUNNEY ON COMEBACKS.

Why He Will Not Take
the Ring Again.

OTHER INTERESTS.

Interviewed by Harry Grayson, of the Californian "Knockout," Gene Tunney, retired heavyweight champion, gave the following views on champions returning to the ring:—

Gene Tunney was on the long-distance telephone, and the operator on the other end of the telephone could not catch his name. Tunney spelled it out:—"TUNNEY" used to box; perhaps that will help you to identify me."

He smiled when asked if there is a possibility of his being stampeded by the recent comeback parade—Dempsey, Firpo and Leonard. Why, even old Thom Langford and Joe Jeanette renewed a twenty-five-year-old feud in Boston the other night. It would PAY and PAY this fellow to take another whirl.

"I'm happy now," replied Tunney, who three years ago retired as a heavyweight champion in full stride—"ever so happy, and I might not be if several robust sparring partners were jarring my head with left hooks and rights."

"Naturally, I have the urge, now and then. Fighting was my life for so long that it is only natural I should sometimes want to return. I am confident I could give a good account of myself, but never will make the attempt. When I quit, I quit."

"It might be different if it were a case of supporting my family, or something like that. I weigh 13.12, scarcely more than I scaled against Tom Heeney, and you don't see me bobbing, do you?"

"You see, I have other things to interest me, while most boxers have only their boxing, and so are uncomfortable and bored if they retire. I did not devote all my time to boxing, but made friends and sought to improve myself. I am now too busy managing my affairs to think of returning to the ring, even if I cared to. My work lies along different lines now."

Continuing (the "Knockout" says), Tunney stated: "While never a dunce, Dempsey is smarter outside the ring than he was in it. Few know mob psychology the way he does, and his present tour and talk is just another gesture to keep his name fresh in the public's mind."

Tunney rates Max Schmeling a mighty good fighter, but not a great one, and would give Mickey Walker a splendid chance against him if they met next Summer. He thought Walker beat Jack Sharkey, whom he dismissed as "a terrible fellow without rhythm or timing." The Toy Bulldog outfoxed and outgamed the gob, in his opinion. "It will take a fencer like Tommy Loughran, who also has a punch, to bother Walker," said Tunney, "and wouldn't it be remarkable if a little fellow like Mickey won the heavyweight title?"

"If I know as little of the art of boxing as Schmeling, I would hesitate to take on a fellow as large as Primo Carnera."

"Say," he said, turning suddenly, "who is that writer who persists in referring to me as James J. Tunney, formerly Gene? It's a nice way of inferring that I wear a high hat. You know I always have been and always will be Gene to everybody. Why, the name Gene Tunney even appears on my stationery."

Fall of Wickets:—1 for 2; 2 for 37; 3 for 48; 4 for 70; 5 for 89; 6 for 88; 7 for 112; 8 for 118; 9 for 121.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.		
Beck	21	9
McLellan	15	0
Owen Hughes	15	0
Duckitt	6	0

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bowled one wide ball.

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A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

The trouble between Japan and China took definite form on January 29, when Japanese forces swooped down upon Chapel, a suburb of Shanghai. Exclusive detailed reports of the clash are chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The last match in the 1931-1932 series of Triangular Rugby football matches proved a great struggle for supremacy between the Army and Navy fifteens at Sookunpoo on January 30. The Navy, greatly weakened by calls on their more prominent players, had to fight hard to retain their unbeaten record, but they just managed it.

The Royal Navy have thus won the Rugby Challenge Cup for the ninth time since its inception in 1910. Their last victory was in 1929. A full report is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

A Children's Winter Party, organised by the Dockyard Recreation Club was held on January 30, in the Sail Loft of the Dockyard, and the children of members of the Club had a very enjoyable time. A report of the party is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The 26th annual general meeting of the St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was held in the Church Hall on January 29, over which the Vicar (the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, M.A.) presided.

The Vicar reviewed the Church's activities, and stated that the suggestion thrown out at last year's annual meeting of a Fund for the renovation of the organ, was taken up by the Church Council, and carried to a successful issue.

The annual meeting of the St. John's Cathedral was held in the Cathedral Hall on January 29, the Dean presiding. In his review, the Dean referred to a year of financial difficulty. Reports on both these meetings are furnished in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

In the Rosary Church, Kowloon, on January 31, Miss Edith Mabel Booth was married to Capt. Maurice Richard Burke, R.A.M.C., the Rev. Father O'Brien officiating. Also, in the Union Church, Miss Flora Wan became the bride of Mr. Li Shu-fong, of 2, Tramway Path. Both ceremonies are reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"

THE PRESIDENT OF SPAIN

SENOR ZAMORA.

Incidents in His Career.

The outstanding figure in Spain at the moment is undoubtedly Don Niceto Alcalá Zamora, first President of the second Spanish Republic. Born 54 years ago in the country town of Priego, in the hilly eastern part of Andalusia, where endless olive groves alternate with wheat fields, Zamora comes of a modest family of small landowners. He soon showed such aptitude that at the age of seventeen he had already passed his first examination in the University of Granada.

His family made an effort to send him to Madrid to take his doctor's degree, and for two years he lived in a modest boarding house at three pesetas daily until he passed his examination with honours. He was then 22 years old. A further examination obtained him a Civil Service post, attached to the Council of State, at the salary of 215 pesetas monthly (approximately 27 sterling at that time).

His first act on obtaining a position was to marry Dona Pura Castiello, the daughter of a neighbouring family in his native village, and he recalls that the rent he paid for a flat in those days was but 55 pesetas a month. In the free and easy way which is typical of the Spanish civil servant, Zamora was able to practise as a lawyer, in addition to carrying out his official duties.

Under the tutelage of Count Romanones, he entered politics, being returned as Deputy for La Carolina, in the province of Jaen, in 1908. His powers as an orator, and a certain directness of aim in the delivery of attacks on various Governments brought him into public notice. He became a Minister for the first time in 1917, and held portfolios on several occasions. A member of the Cabinet of Senor Garcia Prieto in 1923 he had some premonition of what was about to happen.

Opposition to the Regime.
But, despite his ability and his oratory, Zamora differed very little in sum total from dozens of other politicians. No particular achievement pointed to him as a future leader of Spain. It needed the Dictatorship to stir him out of himself. In constant opposition to that regime, he was an active sympathiser with the different plots which were prepared in vain, attempts to bring it to an end. From being a supporter of constitutional reform, he became convinced of the necessity of removing Alfonso from the throne.

On April 14, 1930, while other politicians were perplexedly wondering what attitude to adopt to the Berenguer Government, Zamora proclaimed himself a republican, amid the frantic applause of 20,000 listeners in the bull-ring of Valencia. From then onwards he maintained a faith, almost mystic in its character, in the ultimate triumph of the Republic. This faith was not dimmed by the failure of the December plot, which collapsed after Commandant Galan's precipitate start.

The remarkable scenes in prison, where crowds flocked daily to pay their respects to the imprisoned leaders of the attempted rising; the effort of Alfonso to obtain the co-operation of Zamora and others in a Government to be headed by the Don Jose Sanchez Guerra; and the final trial and acquittal of the prisoners were all episodes which brought Zamora more and more into the limelight. Skilled politician as he was, conservative enough to be a guarantee against any communistic experiments and liberal enough to inspire full confidence in the radical elements, he stood out as the indicated leader of the republican cause.

A Dramatic Interview.
Few scenes in the history of Spain can have been so dramatic as the brief interview between Count Romanones and Zamora in the early afternoon of April 14 of last year, when the country was seething with excitement after the republican triumphs in the municipal elections. Face to face with his former political protegee, Romanones pleaded for a respite, for a truce of a few days.

Zamora was magnificently categorical. "Don Alfonso must leave Madrid before nightfall, or we cannot answer for his personal safety," he said. Yet a few hours later he was almost humble in tone when, as Head of the Republican Government, he spoke into a microphone to a Spain hanging on his words. "The Republic cannot promise you fidelity," he said, "but it will strive to bring back to Spain respect for law and justice, and it will inquire into responsibilities and carry out administrative reform."

As head of the Government, his unswerving faith in the new regime, his nervous impatience at any difficulties which threatened to retard its consolidation, and his faculty for smoothing out difficulties stood out particularly. He could best be appreciated sitting at the head of the Government bench in the Cortes. With his head resting on one hand, his white hair contrasting sharply with his tanned complexion, the upper lip drawn back over prominent teeth; he would listen with rigid intention.

When the moment came for him to speak, he would rise deliberately and develop his argument in slow decisive tones, mellowed by a soft Andalusian accent. Later, gathering force and eloquence, he would impose the logical course on the House by sheer force of rhetoric. Nearly always he got his way, but the House definitely refused to accept his view that the Jesuit Order should not be dissolved, and he left the Cabinet, accompanied by Miguel Maura, the Home Secretary.

Now he is back in office as President of the Republic. It would be difficult to imagine anyone more suited to the task. For he is a product of the Republican movement; he is part of the Republic. His own modest personality is submerged and dominated by the personality of the new Spain which has suddenly arisen.

PARIS GAY NO LONGER.

Big Hotels and Stores Half Empty.

TOURIST SLUMP.

Paris is "the Gay City no longer." In a special message an "Evening Standard" correspondent tells how the decline in French prosperity and the slump in tourist traffic have brought to an end the reign of reckless expenditure which once made the city supreme among the world's pleasure capitals.

Paris has changed almost beyond recognition to those who knew it ten, five or even two years ago. All the sparkle and animation has gone, and the amusement and hotel caterers are in despair. I am told, for example, that a dozen of the leading hotels in Paris are not doing between them the normal business of one.

This fact is self-evident, for the hotels are more than half empty. The staffs, although reduced, are idle. Princely suites are going begging and the prices of ordinary rooms have been drastically reduced, but still they remain uncoccupied.

The Only Guests.
Some friends of mine, who visited Paris, had the singular experience of being the only guests in an hotel of 300 rooms.

The quarter of Paris in which depression stares the observer most dramatically in the face is that in which many fashionable dressmakers and jewellers have their headquarters. In ordinary times this quarter—the Bond Street area of Paris—is mirthful with the gay laughter of the midnights.

Now the midnights are silent. Leading dressmakers have ruthlessly cut down their wage bills and discharged girl apprentices. In all countries the jewellery trade is perhaps the best index to prosperity.

In Paris the jewellery trade is nearly dead. Several establishments have closed their doors, and a bank manager tells me that the strong rooms of the Paris banks are bursting with the unrealisable assets of jewellers whose mortgaged stocks have been seized to meet heavy overdrafts.

Uncoccupied Flats.
In the fashionable residential district of Paris every street and almost every building offer expensive flats to let.

Hundreds of new and luxurious flats in the Bois de Boulogne are uncoccupied. Wealthy Frenchmen have been forced to cut down their establishments, sell their race-horses and hunters, and close their villas on the Riviera.

I know one Frenchman of international repute who recently discharged sixty servants.

The great department stores are so short of customers that half-a-dozen idle saleswomen now overwhelm the casual client with obsequious attentions; when a year ago she would have been ignored.

Glitter Outside, But—

The Christmas illuminations were never more brilliant, more ingenious and more colourful. The fronts of these stores are a glittering kaleidoscope of moving colours, but the crowd watch from the outside and not from the inside. Behind the well-stocked windows the sale-rooms are half empty. Managers and floor walkers are apathetic or in despair.

As for Montmartre, it is dead. The brightly illuminated hillsides which never slept have become a wilderness.

Of the several hundred cabarets which once thrived in its narrow streets hardly a score remain open, and these are half abandoned. There is a final criterion by which to judge of the disappearing gaieties of Paris.

It is that the Russians are learning.

They successively migrated from Constantinople to Vienna, from Vienna to Berlin, and from Berlin to Paris in the wake of the great wave of gaiety which followed the Armistice.

The Tocain Has Sounded.
As each European capital in turn succumbed to the prevailing malady of economic depression the Russians departed in search of prosperity. They came at last to Paris, and their restaurants, their theatres, and their cabarets thrived for several years.

Now the tocin has sounded and their turn has come.

(Continued at foot of preceding column.)

THE PEERAGE IN 1931

EXTINCTIONS AND CREATIONS.

Low Rate of Mortality.

During the past year twenty-three peers have died, a number which compares with thirty-one in 1930, and forty-two in 1929. For the last five years the annual average has been thirty-two, so that the current year's mortality has been below the average.

Earl Russell, Under-Secretary of State for India in the late Labour Government, died suddenly at Marseilles in March, and was succeeded by his brother, the Hon. Bertie Russell, F.R.S. Lord Stamfordham, who had been Private Secretary to the King from 1901, died in April at St. James's Palace, at the age of 81, leaving no heir. Lord Knutsford, who achieved such remarkable distinction as Treasurer of the London Hospital, died in that institution in July, and was succeeded by his twin brother, Lord Stanley of Alderley, who was Governor of Victoria during the war, and had rendered great services as Chairman of the East Africa Joint Committee, died in London at the age of fifty-five. Lord Delamere, pioneer and leader of the white settlers in Kenya, died of heart failure at Nairobi at the age of sixty-one.

Other peers who passed away during the year included Lord Ellenborough, who had served throughout the Afghan Campaign of 1878-80, and the South African war; Lord Wittenham, who was Registrar of the Privy Council from 1887 to 1896; Lord Galloway; Lord Glenavy, late chairman of the Irish Free State Senate, and a former Lord Chancellor of Ireland; Lord Dunleath; Lord Savile, for many years a notable figure in sport and in the social world; Lord Trent, well remembered as Sir Jesse Boot; Lord Wenlock, one of the small band of clerical peers; the Earl of Tankerville; the Earl of Lauderdale, a Scottish representative peer; the Earl of Oxford, a great traveller and sportsman, Lord Wrexall, for two periods as Col. Gibbs, Conservative Whip in the House of Commons, and Treasurer of the House; Lord Forrester, who as Mr. Archibald Williamson was for years a member of the House of Commons, and at one time Financial Secretary to the War Office; Lord Listowel, Lord Bateman, the Earl

of Carrick, Lord Hindlip, and Lord Downe.

Seven Peerages Created.
Seven peerages were created during the year. Four were announced with the New Year Honours and were bestowed respectively on Sir J. S. W. M. as Lord Hyndley; Sir E. H. Lamb, as Lord Rochester; Sir W. Plender, as Lord Plender; and Sir E. Rutherford as Lord Rutherford. In the month of March, Mr. Henry Snell, who had been M.P. for Woolwich East from 1922 was created a peer as Lord Snell, on becoming Under-Secretary of State for India. Last month, among the "resignation" honours, consequent on the change of ministry, Mr. Snowden was created a peer, as Viscount Snowden of Ickneshaw; peerages being also conferred on Sir Robert Newman, who had represented Exeter in the Commons and Sir Martin Conway, who had been member for Bath, with the respective titles of Lord Mamhead and Lord Conway.

As against these creation there were three extinctions, as Lord Wittenham, Lord Stamfordham, and Lord Bateman did not leave heirs to succeed them in title. Balancing creations and extinctions, the number of peers was increased by four. The Earldom of Orford again became extinct on the death of that peer in September, but the Baronies of Walpole passed to a distant cousin, who thus became entitled to a seat in the Lords, so that the total number of peers was not affected.

Among the Scottish representative peers the Earl of Rothes was recently elected to serve in place of Viscount Falkland, who had retired, and the Earl of Lauderdale was chosen in place of his late father.

On the Episcopal Bench, Dr. Ferrow, who already had a seat in the House as Bishop of Bradford, was translated to the Bishopric of Worcester in succession to the late Dr. Pearce.

Three of the peers who succeeded to titles during the year are minors—Lord Savile, born in 1919, Lord Walpole (successor to Lord Orford) 1913, and Lord Wrexall, 1928. Four peers come of age next year—Lord Selby, February 16, the Earl of Warwick, March 4, Viscount Bridport, May 22, and Viscount Long, September 14. The result of all the changes is that the membership of the House is increased to 755, excluding minors.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

The despatch of mails via Siberia has been discontinued until further notice. Mails will be despatched generally via Suez but if a quicker route should from time to time offer it will be utilised.

As from 2nd February no parcels for Shanghai and North China can be accepted until further notice.

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INWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.	CHANGTSE.
Australia and Manila	Changtse.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.	TINAGARA.
Amoy	Tinagara.
Calcutta and Straits	Tinagara.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Jan. 18)	Tinagara.
Japan	Buenos Aires Maru.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.	PRE. McKINLEY.
Manila	Pre. McKinley.
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, Jan. 14, and Parcels, Jan. 7)	Pre. McKinley.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.	KASHMIR.
Japan and Shanghai	Kashmir.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, January 28)	Kashmir.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14.	HIKAWA MARU.
Japan and Shanghai	Hikawa Maru.

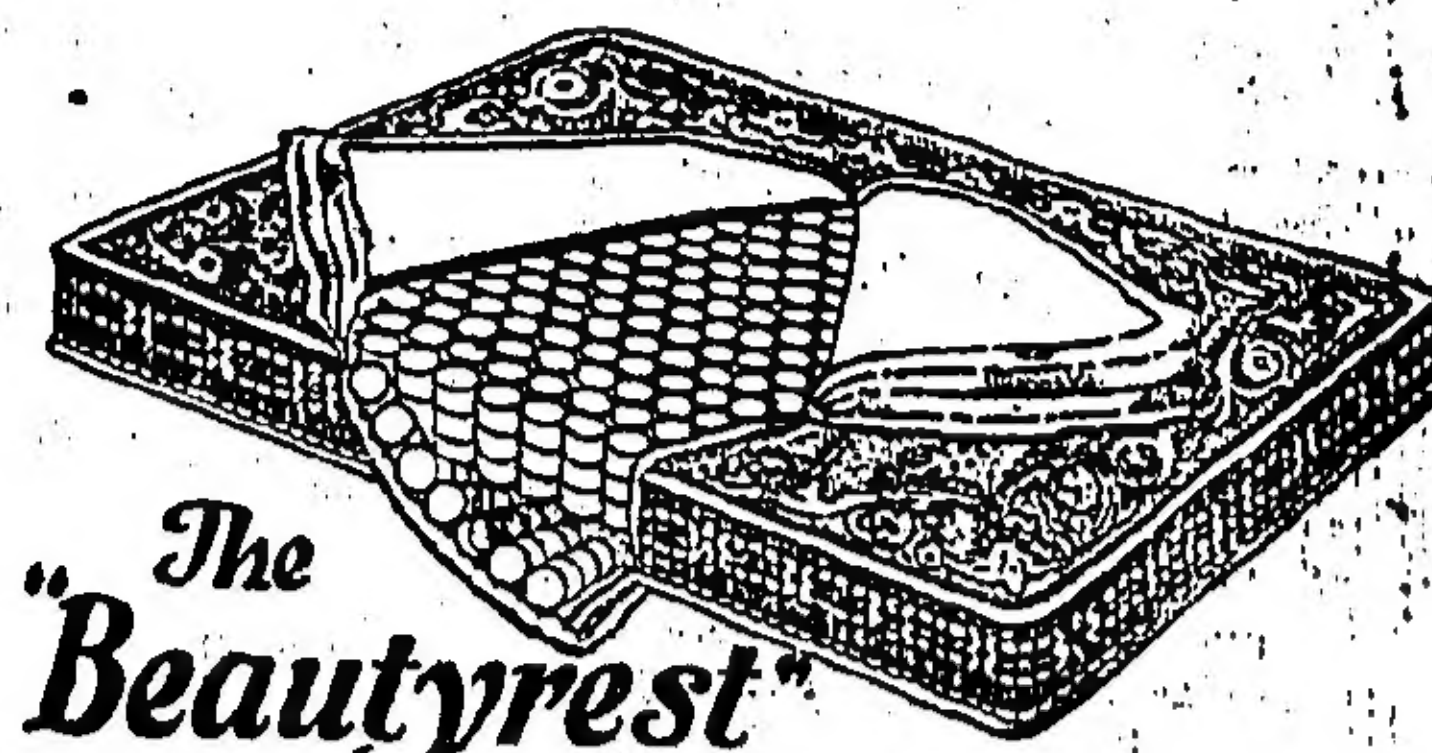
OUTWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.	TAI-MING.
Samahni and Wuchow	Tai-Ming.
Straits and Calcutta	Tai-Ming.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.	KALANG.
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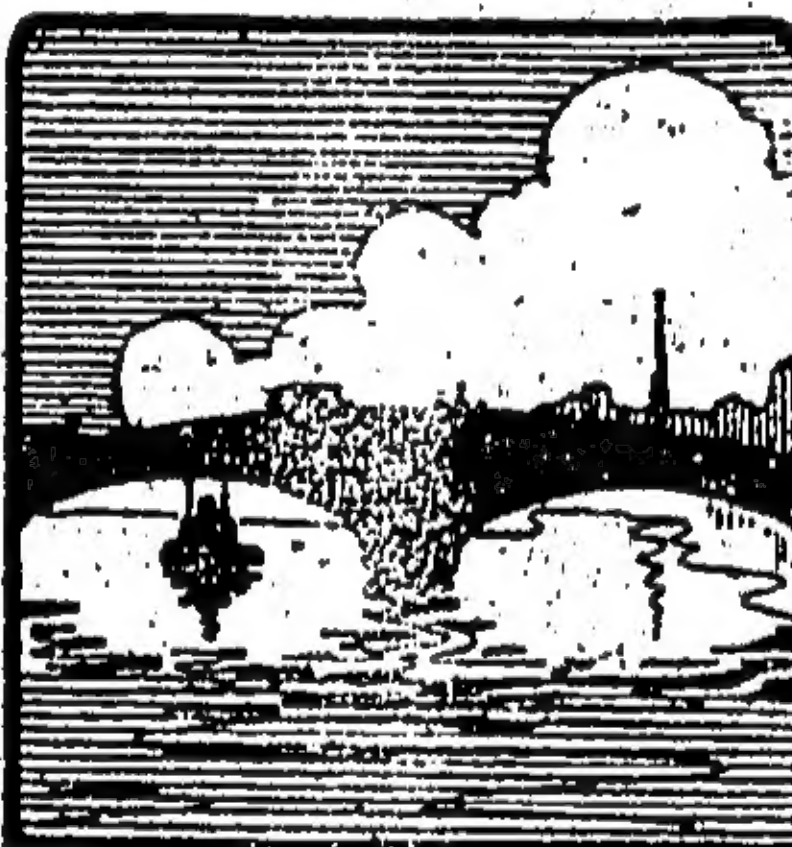
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THE PRINCE SETS
NEW FASHION.

Spotted Ties.

The Prince of Wales, when he wore a scarf with white spots, started a new fashion which young men have taken up with enthusiasm. All neckwear is breaking into spots. Ties—whether cravats, bows or knots—betray a kind of "feverish complexion." This, at least, is the view of a writer in The Tailor and Cutter who attended the private view of the French Art Exhibition at Burlington House.

The writer says: "If this sort of thing increases it is suggested that the fashionable male may ultimately wear a suit of spotted-dog design and even rival Harlequin!"

"Why should woman have a monopoly of fur or other contrasting collars to her coats? A pleasing feature of men's overcoats at the exhibition was the number of decorative collars."

A delightful addition to an overcoat, specially one with a velvet collar, is a small bunch of violets. Fortunately, there is a growing in-

clination to wear buttonholes. Never since Victorian days has there been such a demand for a flower in the coat—by day or night."

But everyone at the exhibition did not win approval.

"One cannot commend the Frenchman who, with top hat and tail coat, flamed out in a red tie. He stood before the portrait of Madame de Pompadour, and I thought she, with her exquisite taste, looked most reproachfully in his direction."

"There were also a few Britons, otherwise correctly clad, who wore brown woollies! They are advised to tuck such informal comforters inside their trousers and cover them up with a waistcoat."

It is no use preaching the dignity of labour if the pleasures of idleness are to be flaunted before the eyes of the community—Dr. Dowling.

No wonder Paris is pessimistic. The reasons are not far to seek. The considerable decline in French prosperity is, of course, one of them. The fall in tourist traffic is another.

Paris to-day is as respectable and virtuous and as distinctly dull as any provincial city.

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Mr. Vinson's programme which has been approved by the Navy Board, also provides for the completion of sixteen ships, at present being constructed at the cost of \$91,500,000. They will include seven eight-inch gun vessels of 10,000 tons.

A RETURN TO THE VICTORIANS.

Changed Tastes of the Reading Public.

While some critics are deploring the scarcity of outstanding post-war authors members of the general public are finding fresh reading matter in the neglected works of Victorian authors.

During the past few years there has been a marked increase in the sale of books by a number of leading Nineteenth Century writers who seemed to have gone out of fashion, and it is believed in the book trade that this tendency will gather momentum.

There is considerable activity at present in the Walter Scott market, a London bookseller told a Morning Post representative, "and I anticipate that this demand will increase considerably during the next few months, especially in view of the fact that the centenary of Scott's death is to be celebrated next year."

Since the War there has also been a greatly revived demand for the works of Jane Austen, and the sales of the Brontes have also increased.

There is, again, a tendency nowadays for people who have hitherto neglected Macaulay to read him, and I know several cases of people who have recently bought whole sets of his works.

"Dickens, however, has lost some of the popularity which he enjoyed before the War, and to-day his readers are recruited for the most part from the lower middle-classes. Thackeray on the other hand, is as popular as ever, although he appeals to only a limited circle of readers."

Meredith out of favour. While there are unmistakable signs that Victorian literature, like Victorian art, is "staging a comeback," there are still a number of first-class authors who remain out of favour. "There is very little demand for books by Meredith or by George Eliot," the same bookseller explained, "and such demand as there is appears to be decreasing."

Another author who is still in an eclipse is Stevenson. His works of adventure are as popular with young people as ever, but on the whole he is too much of a preacher to appeal to modern readers.

One of the reasons given for the popularity which some of the more "stodgy" Victorian authors are enjoying is that they are no longer forced upon young people at school. Since the War, boys and girls at school have been encouraged to follow their own inclinations and to read whatever books appeal to them.

The works of writers such as Scott no longer suffer from the stigma of being labelled school "classics," and a new generation of readers has grown up capable of appreciating those books on their own merits.

Curiously enough, the author who has most consistently kept his public during the past forty years is Kipling.

THE FORMING OF CHARACTER. The forming of character is finished at the age of four, after which it never alters. This fact was revealed by Dr. Ernest Jones in a lecture on Psycho-analysis, arranged by the National Council for Mental Hygiene, at the Royal Albert Hall, last night.

CUT IN WAR DEBTS IF THE NATIONS DISARM

U.S. SENATOR SAYS MORATORIUM IS NOT ENOUGH.

There seems every hope that at the general economic conference to be held shortly, the United States Government will announce its willingness to revise War Debts along with Reparations.

"If we cancel Reparations and there is a chance of immediate recovery," said Senator Borah, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in a special interview with the Daily Herald.

Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, pointed out particularly that Britain's debt to the United States is reckoned in gold, while other countries' debts to Britain are calculated in sterling.

The United States Government is notifying debtor countries that they will not be expected to make the heavy payments which would have been due but for the Hoover moratorium.

"The key to better conditions in Europe is the ability of France and Germany to get together on a reasonable programme enabling Germany to live," said Senator Borah, discussing world economic problems with the Daily Herald correspondent.

"I still believe in the necessity for Treaty revision, but let us leave that now. What may be done in connection with Reparations and Disarmament rests almost exclusively with France."

Giving a Chance. "If she maintains the course she has hitherto maintained it is difficult to see how any practical programme for the recovery of Europe can be worked out. The whole world awaits with the deepest anxiety her present consideration of a programme."

Mr. Borah was questioned on President Hoover's moratorium. He said: "I favoured the granting of the moratorium for one year to give Europe a chance to adopt a sound economic plan, but I did not favour a moratorium for more than one year."

"We have reached the point where a moratorium adjustment, based on capacity to pay, will not mend troubles. It seems we must deal with the question of cancellation."

"I favour awaiting the Disarmament Conference, which actually is an economic conference. Without reduction of armaments, there is a chance of immediate recovery. It is no use sending delegates to the conference if the home Governments stick to their present policies."

Britain's Burden. "No recommendation made by Mr. Hoover carries any implication of debt cancellation," said Mr. Mellon, Secretary to the U.S. Treasury.

All debts to Great Britain from foreign Governments, except reparations payments which are not

being collected at all this year, and are not likely to be collected in full next year, are payable in sterling, but her debt to us is payable in gold dollars.

"With the \$ at par the British Treasury needs \$32,800,000 in order to pay us \$159,500,000. With sterling at the rate at which it was sold on December 10 it would take \$48,100,000, or an increase of \$15,300,000. The burden on the British taxpayers would be increased by almost half."

A Lawyer's View. Mr. Salomon Levinson, the great American lawyer, whom M. Briand once referred to as the "real father of the Kellogg Pact," is in London on holiday. He gave me his views as to what can be done by the nations to remove the "war mess" from among the problems which beset the world.

He said: "Senator Borah, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, who opposed the temporary theories which arose out of M. Laval's visit, would favour, and has favoured, a complete cancellation of both debts and reparations."

"President Hoover would not go so far and neither would I. Cancellation is not a helpful word or method, of dealing with creditors. A debtor may not be able to pay debts in full, but it is almost unheard of to ask for debts to be cancelled altogether. I have represented scores of debtors in the last 25 years, but never once have I asked creditors to cancel."

"Of course, the straitening out Europe's difficulties, to America, means appeasement between France and Germany. Great Britain would, I believe, agree to any programme of liquidation acceptable to France and the United States."

Lower the Burdens. "But there must not be any more piecemeal settlements that don't work and lead only from one crisis to another. The war and its unworkable peace treaty are 95 per cent of the cause of the present world conditions. Therefore, the general scheme must reduce these obstacles and burdens to their lowest point."

"Any general re-arrangement would necessarily entail a breathing spell in debts and reparations, and, during that spell, there could be international consideration, by conferences, of the tariff question by all nations interested."

"If it is not known—I think it should be known—that there is not a ghost of a chance of any programme of substantially reducing the debts owing to American unless Europe drastically cuts down its armament. With any such reduction of armaments America would have to keep steps."

"This question of disarmament is the greater question."

The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1932.

The Consular Report.

The Consular Body, which was commissioned to report on the Shanghai incident, has submitted its findings to the League of Nations, and Dr. W. W. Yen, the Chinese delegate at Geneva, has lost no time in requesting that a meeting of the Council should be summoned forthwith to consider that report and incidentally a host of other relative matters.

The report, according to the brief summary cabled by Reuters and published elsewhere in this issue, discloses nothing that is not known, nothing that has not already been written about, nothing that takes us any farther. The compilers of the report, in a sense, have passed blotting paper over all that has been written, and that when the ink had dried. Such, at any rate, is the impression gained from the particulars of the report that have come to hand.

The report ascribes the origin of the trouble at Shanghai to Japanese activities in Manchuria, and, in turn, ascribes these to the boycott of Japanese goods, which inflamed Japanese public opinion and engendered in Japanese breasts enmity and hatred of the Chinese. So the prime cause, according to the Shanghai Consular Body, is the boycott of Japanese goods.

Having traced the "disease" to its source, the report proceeds to describe its outward manifestations. But, seemingly, there it ceases. And this is the report upon which time and some energy has been expended in a state of emergency, and upon which the League of Nations has been awaiting, in order to discuss anew the situation and define some line of action.

Over the Manchurian Affair, the League of Nations cannot, by any stretch of the imagination, be said to have had a "good press." It stands less chance of enjoying such a press if the Consular report is to be typical of the kind of thing it is enabled to elicit. The Consular report, if it

contains nothing more than that already disclosed, if it offers no constructive suggestions as to what ought to be done to bring to an end a state of affairs, which may yet precipitate a crisis, the like of which can best be left to imagination, the League should not waste any more valuable time over it, and, for all the useful purpose it will serve, consign it to the waste paper basket.

News in Brief.

Lowest open air temperature yesterday was 59°. Humidity at 10 a.m. was 94; and at 4 p.m. 95.

The s.s. *Gange* from Shanghai with a large number of passengers and mail is due here tomorrow morning at 8 a.m. and will berth at the Kowloon Wharf. The s.s. *Gange* will sail for Europe at 6 p.m. on the 10th inst.

It will be noticed from to-day's list of warships in port that destroyers Keppel, Wild Swan and Verity are not in harbour. It was explained at the Naval Intelligence Centre that they went out this morning for practice, and the movement have nothing to do with the trouble in the North.

CHEUNG CHAU NOTES.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Cheung Chau, Yesterday. There was a large influx of visitors during the Chinese New Year, at least six houses were opened up for occupation. Negotiations are under way for the sale of another property.

Dr. and Mrs. Clift had a large house party and on Sunday two services were conducted. The morning meeting was conducted by Rev. Scott, who, with a new missionary, Rev. C. A. Hook, started up river for Nanning to-night. In the evening Dr. Clift gave an address. At both services Mr. John Strage played the music for the hymns, on this violin which was much appreciated.

In the village special meetings were held by the Baptist Mission in a tent. Rev. King also conducted a baptism service, even candidates being admitted to membership and communion service. The meetings in the tent will be continued throughout the week.

For some reason the large ferry was taken on the 1st and the old Sun Tai took its place. No. 57 has again changed hands. Mrs. Greene, who was one of the pioneer builders in a new house, is now the owner.

A British bar is to be opened at business as a Dealer in Chinese tea. The tea is to be sold at a price of 10 cents per pound.



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SUPPER WAS NOT READY.

Husband Kills His Wife—And Goes To Jail For 20 Years.

Because his wife had not prepared his supper John Nizansky, aged 41, of Schenectady, New York is now serving sentence of 20 years' imprisonment.

Nizansky returned home and found no supper ready. In a fit of rage, he killed his wife.

To-day's Thought.

When you ask some people their motive they think you are questioning their honesty.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of February 9, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5%.

That the activities of the seamen in Hong Kong have not been entirely suppressed was shown by a case heard at the Marine Court, before Commissioner C. W. Beckwith this morning when a seaman named Mok Kong was charged with having unlawfully gone aboard the steamer "Herald."

Evidence was given by the second mate, who saw Mok Kong

climbing to the ship's deck

and saw him go down again

and saw him go down again

and saw him go down again

and saw him go down again

and saw him go down again

STARVING IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY.

Moral—Remember The Tin-opener.

Two Pasadena college students, Pete Decote and Edward Harrison, recently set sail for Catalina Island in a sloop loaded with canned food.

Just off the island a sudden squall demolished the mast, and they drifted for two days before being rescued.

When found they were starving, because, although they had plenty of canned food, they had forgotten a tin-opener.

The Muse of the "China Mail" is not the Muse of the stage. The Hon. Anthony Aquilino.

LEA & PERRINS' SAUCE

Take a little with your chops

BAD TEMPERED POETS

IF THEY WANT TO WRITE SATIRES,
WHY DON'T THEY FIND SOMETHING
WORTH ATTACKING?

(By J. B. Priestley.)

Poets have frequently been quarrelsome fellows. There were tremendous feuds among the Elizabethan dramatists. The age of Dryden and Pope was an age of elaborate literary quarrels. Even the Romantics, divided as they were by political opinion, could rage against one another. Nevertheless, it seems to me stupid that so many of our younger poets now should be so deplorably bad-tempered. They spend far too much time abusing one another. Some of them have apparently decided to live by exhibiting one another's dirty washing.

The gloomiest party I ever was at was a party given by a poet mainly for other poets. We stood about in a dim-lit room, sipping sour hock. Everybody looked suspiciously at everybody else. Not a laugh was heard. There were savage whispers in corners. Never have I been in a room so charged with hate. Apparently each poet thought that he and his one or two friends had been lured into a house crammed with charlatans. You would have thought that the Muse was lying dead upstairs. (Perhaps she was). Since then I have never sought the company of these happy children of song. I like a little good temper after dinner.

In A Bad Way.

Poetry is at present in a bad way. Never, I suppose, since there was such a thing as English Literature has poetry received so little attention from the public as it is receiving now. It is not bought, not read, not discussed, as it used to be. So far as we are living on poetry at all, we seem to be living on our capital. A young poet in these days has a very poor time of it; he might almost as well set up as a crossbowman or a lute-mender. On this ground, he may be excused some bad temper. It is not amusing when you create something, with sweat and blood, in agony and exultation, only to find everybody yawning in your face. (That must be why some contemporary versifiers avoid the sweat and blood, and get their own yawns in first).

This means, however, that young poets are now companions in distress. They are all in the same boat. But instead of seeing them pulling for the shore together, we frequently find them hitting one another on the head with the oars. The latest exhibition of poetical bad temper—and there have been several this year alone—is provided by Mr. Roy Campbell in "The Georgiad." Mr. Campbell is a young South African poet, whose gusto and command of a gorgeous sense of imagery, seen at their best in "The Flaming Terrapin," very quickly attracted attention. He was considered almost at once what some reviewers, in a mysterious and rather sinister fashion, like to call "a writer to be reckoned with."

Bad Temper.

"The Georgiad," in rough and energetic rhymed couplets, might be called a satire, but it could also be called an explosion of bad temper and an orgy of bad taste. Here are a few lines of it, chosen with one eye on the law of libel:

But cursed be poetesses, thin or fat,
Who give these dinners of eternal chat,
Where knife and fork dissect the latest plays
And criticism serves for mayonnaise;
Where of the Hawthornden the latest winner
Is served as joint or stridor of the dinner,
And succulent to busy tongues as pork,
Suffers the martyrdom of knife and fork
There is a great deal of it in this strain,
In which Mr. Campbell

shouts with rage at the very thought of literary week-end parties or poetical dinners. They seem to me very light subjects for such heavy-weight satire. If Mr. Campbell does not enjoy these functions he should be what the rest of us do, namely, plead a previous engagement or the pressure of work. Young poets are not compelled by law to be the guests of poetesses and critics they dislike.

I do not know what injuries certain fellow poets have inflicted upon Mr. Campbell, but you would imagine from his furious onslaught upon them that they had stoned him through the streets. His attack is too clumsy and bludgeoning to be really deadly, but he mauls them in the most offensive manner, outraging decency in his stride. His offence is all the more inexcusable, to my mind, because I do not feel there is behind it the wide and impersonal indignation of the genuine satirist, but only pique and petty spite.

Cafe Squabbles.

That, in fact, is the trouble. These bad-tempered poets of ours who turn satirists, instead of using their wit and wealth of imagery in the service of humanism to attack the spawning tyrannies and idiocies of this world, merely ask us to take sides in some squabble of a small literary coterie. It is hole-in-the-corner satire, simply a row in a cafe. When Byron retorted so savagely upon Southey he did at least see Southey as the apologist of a rotten political and social system, and not merely a fellow poet whose bad once snubbed him at a party.

If poets feel in the mood for indulging in savage satire, why can't they take a good look at the world and then attack something worth attacking? There are whole Hindenburg Lines waiting for these satirists. I notice that Mr. Percy Wyndham Lewis seems to be Mr. Campbell's hero. Now Mr. Wyndham Lewis has the gift of brilliant railery, but he, too, shows this same fault. He has no sense of proportion. He will write a gigantic satire to score off five people in Chelsea and three in Paris, and conducts mere cafe squabbles in public as if he were leading the last crusade.

A Good Novelist.

Meanwhile, the sensible public, which does not care tuppence about these squabbles, but knows that it is living in a world in sad need of mending, eagerly awaits some satire that is real satire.

The stream of new books has now dwindled to a mere trickle. The Autumn season is over. But there have been a few interesting last-minute arrivals. Chief among the novels is a first novel, "Without My Cloak," by Miss Kate O'Brien, the author of the play "Distinguished Villa." I never saw her play, and so cannot say what sort of dramatist she will make, but she seems to have been designed by Nature to be a really good novelist. She writes well; she can create character; she has an eye for a scene and a period. Her story is of a comfortable Roman Catholic family in Ireland in the middle of the last century, and out of this (to me) most unpromising material she has created a good fat novel that can be enjoyed at leisure.

Anybody who wants a solid piece of historical portraiture should get hold of "Isabella of Spain." It is a welcome change from those historical biographies, recently in fashion, that are neither history nor fiction, but mostly impudence. Its author, whoever he is, knows a great deal, and what is equally important, he knows what to do with his knowledge. It takes its place beside Mr. Guedalla's "The Duke" and Mr. Campbell Wilkin's "Nelson" in this season's gallery of historical portraits.

to prosecution as criminals, if they disregard these orders. The orders require all factories with excessive numbers of workers immediately to dismiss the surplus and state that no factory may employ more than the number of workers employed without special permission from the central government. Factories whose output falls below the official programme must reduce the total of workers employed to the actual production.

SHARE MARKET.

Rates Considerably Reduced.

BUYERS IN EVIDENCE.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: As will be seen below, there was considerable reduction in rates at this morning's session, but at this level many buyers were in evidence, and a few lots changed hands.

Sales.
Hong Kong Bank, \$1,370.
Union Insurance, \$400.
Benguet, \$11½.
Hong Kong Wharves, \$154/153.
Providents (old), 35.
Hotels (old), \$13.90.
Lands, \$78½/79.
Hong Kong Electric, \$75¾/76.
Telephones, \$23¾.
Cements (Comb.), \$17.40.
Constructions (old), \$5.10.
Constructions (new), \$1¾.

Buyers.
Douglases, \$25.
H.K. & Kowloon Wharves, \$153.
Hotels (Old), \$13¾.
Hong Kong Lands, \$77½.
Humphreys, \$18.
China Estates, \$95.
Hong Kong Trams, \$21.10.
Star Ferries, \$99.
Yaumati Ferries, \$27.
Hong Kong Electric, \$75.
Telephones, \$23.
Dairy Farms, \$28.
Amusements, \$18.
Constructions (New), \$1.70.

Sellers.
Benguet, \$11½.
Cements (Comb.), \$17.50.
Hong Kong Ropes, \$16.

A MYSTERY MESSAGE.

Gold Expedition Broken Up.

Has further disaster followed the romantic search for the mystery Lasseter's Reef, in Central Australia?

According to a message received, the expedition has broken up, while still on the border of Central and Western Australia, within perhaps 160 miles of the elusive reef.

Several members of the party, it is stated, are returning to Hermannsburg. This will take them perhaps three weeks by camel, so that no early news of them is likely unless they erect an aerial.

Meanwhile, the directors of the Central Australian Gold Exploration Company, in Sydney, are meditating sending a triple-engined A. N. A. plane, in an attempt to save the situation. Whatever has happened they say, the search will go on.

This latest wireless message from the party was so cryptic that the directors have no knowledge of the cause of the trouble.

However, the fact appears to be that "Bob" Buck, the resolute bushman-leader of the expedition, is carrying on with most of the adventurers, while certain others, including the two government geologists of West Australia, are returning. Apparently the 20 camels of the expedition (assuming that those are still alive) have been shared.

In any case it appears that another remarkable chapter has been added to one of the most extraordinary romances in the history of gold-seeking in Australia.

A MOTHER'S MEMORY.

Recognised Kidnapped Daughter After Five Years.

A birthmark on the body of a young Arab girl, who was kidnapped for domestic slavery, has been responsible for her restoration to her mother at Ebnah, in Upper Egypt. The child was seized by kidnappers in a busy street of Ebnah five years ago, since when nothing had been seen or heard of her.

But one day the mother, chanced to pass down a narrow lane in the town, where she encountered an Arab woman, closely veiled, leading a young girl along. Something in the expression of the girl struck her, and the mother followed the pair to a house in a disreputable quarter of the town.

She told the police of her suspicions, and the girl was identified by the tell-tale mark on her body. The woman alleged to have kidnapped the girl is now awaiting her trial.

It used to be said that the East was too slow to change, but that saying is no longer true. The Prince of Wales, who is now in the East, is a man of the East, and he is not slow to change. He is a man of the East, and he is not slow to change. He is a man of the East, and he is not slow to change.

LORD BADEN - POWELL EXPOSES MODERN BLACK MAGIC

Luck Chain Letters Must Stop.

A FRESH OUTBREAK.

3,000,000 Boy Scouts to Smash an Evil Myth.

Lord Baden-Powell, following a fresh outbreak of the chain-letters superstition, issued a warning to all the 3,000,000 members of the Boy Scout movement, urging them to smash for ever the black magic of the twentieth century.

He has just received his twelfth chain letter this year. It instructed him to:—

"Make nine copies, and send this chain on within twenty-four hours of receiving it. Woe to you if you take this as a jest and do not pass it on, and so interrupt the chain of luck. Misfortune upon misfortune will overtake you."

But the letter followed its fore-runners to the wastepaper basket, and still Lord Baden-Powell continues to enjoy success and happiness.

The chain letters superstition is one of the most dangerous of modern times. Sensible people can ignore them, but they have brought misery to neurotic persons who have broken the chain and then allowed the fictitious "curse" to prey on their minds.

"I do not treat the letter as a jest," said Lord Baden-Powell. "I treat it as a gross impertinence and a nuisance. I have received

scores of chain letters, and I have torn up every one of them.

"The writers of these letters know I tear them up, but seem to take a delight in pestering me with them. I shall continue to break every chain I can, and I ignore their threats of calamity. 'Calamity, bosh! I have never had any bad luck as the result of breaking a chain letter. I think I have been exceptionally lucky in a good many things.'

"Silly But Harmful. 'Stern action should be taken against the writers of these letters, because nervous people receiving them frequently suffer ill-health.'

"Of all superstitions, the chain letter is the silliest, and yet it can be one of the most harmful.

"A woman recently committed suicide through fear of the consequences of not carrying out the instructions contained in a chain letter."

The letter just received by Lord Baden-Powell was stated to have been started by a street singer in Italy in March last year, and to have circulated all over Europe. Mr. Bernard Shaw and Challepine are claimed to be two of the eighty "links" said to have been formed in the chain.

HUSSAR OF THE SKIES.

Aeroplanes His "One Idea in Life."

"Evidently Hale" wanted something faster than a horse, and instead of being in the Hussars should really be in the Air Force."

Mr. Harry Hunt, defending, made this plea at Woking Police Court when Trooper Charles Godfrey Hale, aged nineteen, an officer's servant attached to the 11th Hussars, was bound over on a charge of flying and piloting without a certificate and licence.

Mr. J. Catley, secretary of the Brooklands Aerodrome, said that on December 11 a Gypsy Moth machine landed and the occupants had lunch. They found that the machine had vanished later.

Stanley J. Carver, engineer fitter at Brooklands Flying School, stated that Hale was employed at the school from March to November 1929 and again later. He was there without pay and in exchange for his services he received instruction in flying.

Superintendent Gooby said that in a statement to the police Hale said that he was walking round the aerodrome on December 11 looking at some of the machines. A machine landed and he helped to draw it into line with the other aeroplanes.

"With no one about I started up the airplane and took off," the statement continued. "My idea was to fly round Tidworth and back again. I was following the railway and flew into some low-lying clouds. When I came out of the clouds I followed the railway line and circled round Winchester."

The inspector said that Hale added that later he found the petrol gauge was low and he decided to land. This he did, and he covered the machine up. He rang up the Brooklands Flying School and told them where the machine was. He had received eight hours flying instruction, and had never flown solo before.

"A Bit Bumpy." Hale gave evidence, and Mr. Hunt asked: Are aeroplanes your one idea in life?—Yes. And your one desire is to be a pilot?—Yes. The feeling came over you that you would like to take this machine up?—Yes.

Hale added that he took off in a cross wind, and it was a "bit bumpy."

Mr. Hunt, I dare say that was a dangerous thing to do, but you were not alone, were you?—No, I was not alone. I was with the other machines. I was with the other machines. I was with the other machines.

The magistrates ordered him to pay three guineas costs.

"We are satisfied," remarked Mr. Wigan, the chairman, "that there was no felonious intent, and that it was more or less a prank."

A charge of tampering with aircraft, which was preferred, was drawn, and the police did not proceed with charges of stealing the airplane, oil, and petrol.

WHAT SCHOOLS SHOULD PRODUCE

Fourteen Essential Points.

In a Home newspaper, schools come in for severe criticism once again. One correspondent maintains, that few boys can describe the simplest matter lucidly—either verbally or in writing—or marshal facts in logical order. He gives the following fourteen points, which an ideal curriculum must produce, and adds, that such a curriculum would give what was wanted, and help to restore the country's prosperity.

1. Quick thinkers.
2. Power of expression in speech and writing.
3. Seriousness.
4. Energy and capacity to work for long hours.
5. Accuracy.
6. A good knowledge of at least one modern language.
7. A fair knowledge of Latin.
8. A good standard of mathematics.
9. Shorthand.
10. A good knowledge of the history and geography of all important countries.
11. A knowledge of the world's important literature.
12. A grounding in several branches of science.
13. A good knowledge of Christianity and some knowledge of other religions.
14. Good appearance.

SAY "YOOKELEELY."

The B.E.C. has solved the ukulele problem. The word is pronounced "Yookeleely." Other examples in the latest list of pronunciations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Spoken English are:

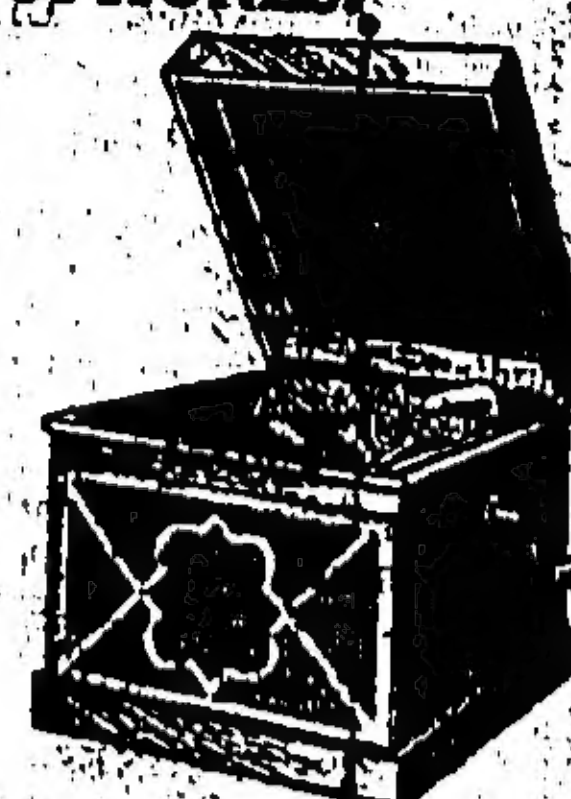
Restaurant—Restarant.
Tirade—Tyrayd.
Trombone—Stress on second syllable.
Trough—O as in "go."

Discussing the work of the committee, Mr. A. Lloyd James, the secretary, says: "To imagine standard English as a sort of tyrannical or imperialistic device, or as a means of suppressing the language of the masses, is a gross error. The purpose of the committee is to make the language of the masses more intelligible to the masses. It is to make the language of the masses more intelligible to the masses. It is to make the language of the masses more intelligible to the masses."

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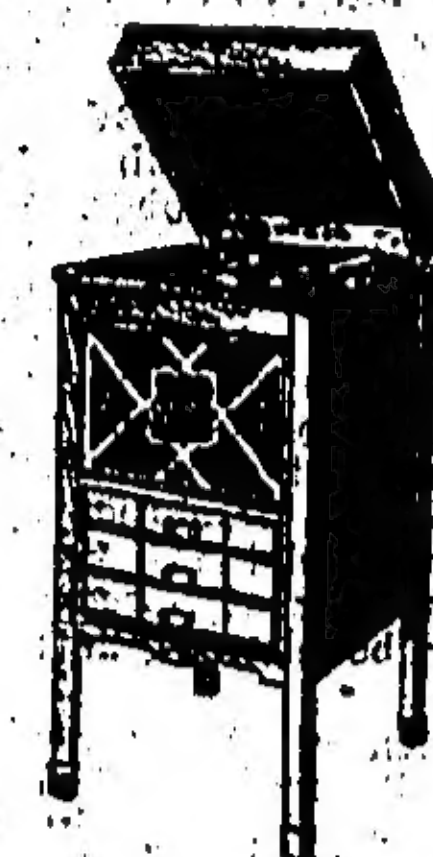
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COMPANY MEETINGS

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 11th February, 1932, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, 1932, to THURSDAY, the 11th February, 1932, both days inclusive.

NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at 12.15 p.m. on the same day and at the same place as and immediately after the before mentioned Ordinary General Meeting for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution.

(a) By deletion of the words "One thousand Dollars" contained partly in the third and partly in the fourth lines of Article 95a of the Company's Articles of Association and the substitution thereof of the words "Five thousand Dollars."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the before mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting and of confirming if thought fit the before mentioned resolution as a Special Resolution.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. GRAPNELL,
Secretary.
27th January, 1932.

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above-named Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 16th day of February, 1932, at 12.15 p.m., immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the Company, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution.

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—
(a) by deleting the figures \$10,000.00 in the third line of Article 95 (a) of the Company's Articles of Association and substituting therefor the figures \$15,000.00.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the same time and place on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of March, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit the above mentioned resolution as a Special Resolution.

Dated the 28th day of January, 1932.

By Order of the Board,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th February, 1932, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1932, (both days inclusive), during which period, no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th February, 1932.

GENERAL NOTICES.

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ON SATURDAY 20th, MONDAY 22nd, TUESDAY 23rd, and WEDNESDAY 24th February, the first race will be rung at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, the 27th February, the first race will be rung at 1 p.m., and the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be taken after the fifth race on the first four days.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

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A limited number of Tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, Telephone No. 21920.

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PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plane, and altho.)

HORIZONTAL

- 1—Little Persian ruler
- 2—Oblique
- 3—Money in hand
- 4—Nothing
- 5—A number
- 6—Possessed
- 7—Cheerless
- 8—A state in W. W. Mexico
- 9—Sooner than
- 10—A blessing
- 11—A corded fabric
- 12—To asport
- 13—Had affection for
- 14—To deface
- 15—A vast time-period
- 16—Free of
- 17—From
- 18—Forsaken bone (pl.)
- 19—Interjection—surpr.
- 20—Decayed
- 21—Sonder (adj.)
- 22—A danger of a toe
- 23—Musical note
- 24—Short for Samuel
- 25—And not
- 26—A chicken
- 27—Parting to the earth's poles
- 28—Wells, as through water

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 29—Combining form—air
- 30—Set bounds to
- 31—Vigor
- 32—Unfurl
- 33—To argue
- 34—Poetic form of over
- 35—Everything
- 36—Sorrowful
- 37—Cut with a saw
- 38—Not very large
- 39—To move swiftly

VERTICAL

- 1—The lateral part of a thing
- 2—An archbishop
- 3—A great pronoun
- 4—And (Latin)
- 5—Flesh of the deer
- 6—Half an am
- 7—To be able
- 8—Worshipped
- 9—To pile up
- 10—Tall
- 11—Nice sense of what is right
- 12—Man's name

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13—To revolute
- 14—Pertaining to milk
- 15—Went to see a friend
- 16—An animal friend of man
- 17—A city in N. Illinois
- 18—The opposite of zenith
- 19—Vanished gradually
- 20—On account of
- 21—German for and
- 22—To place
- 23—Possessive pronoun
- 24—An antipodal spe
- 25—A place of departed spirits
- 26—W. state of the U. S.
- 27—A fit of temper
- 28—Margin
- 29—To marry
- 30—To rest in a chair
- 31—Poisonous snake (pl.)
- 32—To encounter
- 33—Poetic form of even
- 34—Exit
- 35—Low Latin (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—
Bank, wire 1/5
Bank, on demand 1/5 1/16
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/5 3/16
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/5 1/2
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/5 1/2
On Paris—
On demand 620
Credits, 4 months' sight 675
On Berlin—
On demand Nom.
On New York—
On demand 24 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 25 1/2
On Bombay—
Wire 98 1/2
On demand 98 1/2
On Calcutta—
Wire 98 1/2
On demand 98 1/2
On Singapore—
On demand 61
On Manila—
On demand 48 1/2
On Shanghai—
On demand 7 1/2
Dollar Par.
On Yokohama—
On demand 67 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 1/6 1/4
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Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

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Rugby, Yesterday.
Paris 87 11/16
New York 3.45 1/2
Montreal 4
Brussels 24 25/32
Geneva 17.70
Amsterdam 8.57 1/2
Milan 66 1/2
Berlin 14 7/32
Stockholm 17 1/2
Copenhagen 18 3/16
Oslo 18 1/2
Vienna 32 nominal
Prague 116 1/2
Helsingfors 224
Montevideo 81 nom.
Madrid 45
Lisbon 109 1/2
Athens 270
Bucharest 580
Rio 4 3/16

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations, Feb. 9, 1932.
Next Settlement Day, Tuesday, February 26, 1932.

STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sal- es	Non	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	\$...	1370	96 1/2	Dec.	{Final Dividend for 1931} Pending
Chartered Bank	\$	12	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% sub. to 1/2% Jan. 1931
Mercantile Bk., A.B. & C. ..	\$	18	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% sub. to 1/2% Jan. 1931
Bank of Asia	\$	127 1/2	Dec.	\$4 for 1930
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	\$	1350	Dec.	{Fin. Dividend for 1931} May 19, 31
Union Ins.	\$...	400	...	Dec.	{Int. Dividend for 1931} May 22, 31
China Underwriters	\$	4,624	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.	\$	650	Dec.	{Final Dividend for 1931} May 22, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	\$	1250	Dec.	{Int. Dividend for 1931} Mar. 30, 31
Shipping.						
Doogies	\$	25	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931
H. K. Steamboats	\$	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1931 None for 1930
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$	45	Dec.	{Int. ex. 2 1/2% on preferred} June 19, 31
Shells Bearer	\$	39	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931
Union Waterboats	\$	43 1/2	Dec.	{Int. Dividend for 1931} July 6, 31
Mining.						
Benguet	\$	11 1/2	11 1/2	...	Dec.	Fourth Int. 20 cents for 1931
Kailan Mining Ad. S.	\$	25 1/2	June	{Int. ex. 2 1/2% on preferred} Dec. — 31
Langkats (Single) Tls.	\$	4	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 1930-31
S'hai Exploration Tls.	\$	2.10	Dec.	None
Loans	\$	2	Dec.	{Final Dividend for 1931} Feb. 6, 31
Raubs	\$	59	Mar.	Secul. Int. 3 1/2% year 1930-31
Venezuela Gold Fields	\$	2	...	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & K. Wharves	\$	163	154 1/2	...	Dec.	\$9 for 1931
H. K. & W. Docks	\$	39	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931
South Ch. Motors (A)	\$	12	...	...
China Providents (old)	\$	2.40	Dec.	{10 cents on old for 1931} April 6, 31
Hongkows	\$	230	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% sub. to 1/2% Jan. 1931
N. Engineering Tls.	\$	6 1/2	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1931
Shanghai Docks Tls.	\$	30 1/2	Apr.	T. 0.50 for year 1930-31
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H.K. & S. Hli. (old)	\$	18 1/2	18 1/2	...	Dec.	\$1 cents for 1931
H.K. Lands (new)	\$	77 1/2	76 1/2	...	Dec.	Final Dividend for 1931
Shanghai Lands Tls.	\$	30	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% sub. to 1/2% Jan. 1931
Humphreys (old)	\$	17 1/2	17 1/2	...	Dec.	\$0 cents for 1931
H. K. Realities	\$	11 1/2	Feb.	{Fin. Dividend for 1931} Feb. 14, 31
Chinese Estates	\$	95	...	...	...	Int. 3 1/2% year 1930-31
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons Tls.	\$	15	Dec.	T. 0.75 for 1931
Shanghai Cotton Tls.	\$	80 1/2	Apr. and Oct.	T. 0.25 for half year 1930-31
Zoong Sigs Tls.	\$	11 1/2	June	T. 0.50 for year 1930-31
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	\$	91.10	...	...	Dec.	Final Dividend for 1931
Peak Trams (old)	\$	15.60	Apr.	{10 cents on old for year 1930-31} June 16, 31
Star Ferries	\$	90	...	...	Dec.	\$5 for 1931
Yau-mai Ferries	\$	97	...	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1931
China Light (old)	\$	25 1/2	Sept.	\$0 cents for year 1930-31
H. K. Electric	\$	75	75 1/2	...	Dec.	\$2.50 for 1931
Macao	\$	3	Dec.	\$0 cents for 1931
Sandakan Lights	\$	12	June	None
H.K. Tels. fully paid	\$	43	43	...	Dec.	Int. 4 1/2% sub. to 1/2% Jan. 1931
China Buses Tls.	\$	16	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1931
S'pore Traction (Ord.)	\$	8 1/2	Sept.	{Int. ex. 2 1/2% on preferred} Feb. 6, 31
(Pref.)	\$	17 1/2	Sept.	Subject to income tax
Industrials.						
Malayan Sugars	\$	89	Dec.	\$4.50 for 1931
Cald. Mag. Ord. Tls.	\$	14	Dec.	{T. 1.00} for 1931
Canon Ice	\$	5	July	\$1 cents for year 1930-31
Cements (com.)	\$	17.60	17.60	...	Dec.	{10 cents on old for 1930} Mar. 18, 31
H. K. Ropes	\$	15	Dec.	75 cents for 1931
China Agriculture	\$	10 1/2	...	...
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm	\$	25	...	...	Dec.	\$1.75 for 1931
Watsons	\$	16 1/2	Oct.	75 cents for year 1930-31
Der A Wings	\$	1	...	...
Lane Crawford (old)	\$	6.25	Feb.	Last dividend for year 1930-31
Mackintosh	\$	19	Feb.	\$4 for year 1930-31
Sincere	\$	16	...	...
Wm. Powells	\$	8.60	Feb.	\$0 cents for year 1930-31
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement	\$	18	...	...	Mar.	\$2.50 for year 1930-31
C. Entertainment (old)	\$	16 1/2	...	...
Son. Ch. Enterprises	\$	10	...	...
Macao "Greyhounds"	\$	0.10
H.K. C'ruditions (old)	\$	1.70	Dec.	\$0 cents for 1931
B. Ind. G. Bonds	\$	18 1/2
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		9 a.m.	
SIRDHANA	8,000	20th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	6th Mar.	

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

	1932	
TANDA	7,000 4th Mar.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney
NANKIN	7,000 2nd Apr.	
NELLORE	7,000 30th Apr.	& Melbourne.

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1932.				
TILAWA	10,000	12th	Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Mojil, Kobe & Osaka.
CARTHAGE	15,000	11th	Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BURDWAN	6,500	21st	Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	8,000	26th	Feb.	Amoy, Mojil, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	28th	Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NANKIN	7,000	7th	Mar.	Shai, Mojil, Kobe, Osaka & Yham.
KASHGAR	9,800	10th	Mar.	Shanghai, Mojil, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	11,500	11th	Mar.	Amoy, Shai, Mojil, Kobe & Osaka.
CORFU	15,000	11th	Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
R WALPINDI	17,000	24th	Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	6,800	5th	Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KANPURA	17,000	7th	Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st	Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BANGALORE	8,500	30th	Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	17,000	5th	May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KANPURA	17,000	1st	June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KAIHAB-LEHND	12,000	2nd	June	Shanghai, Mojil, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th	June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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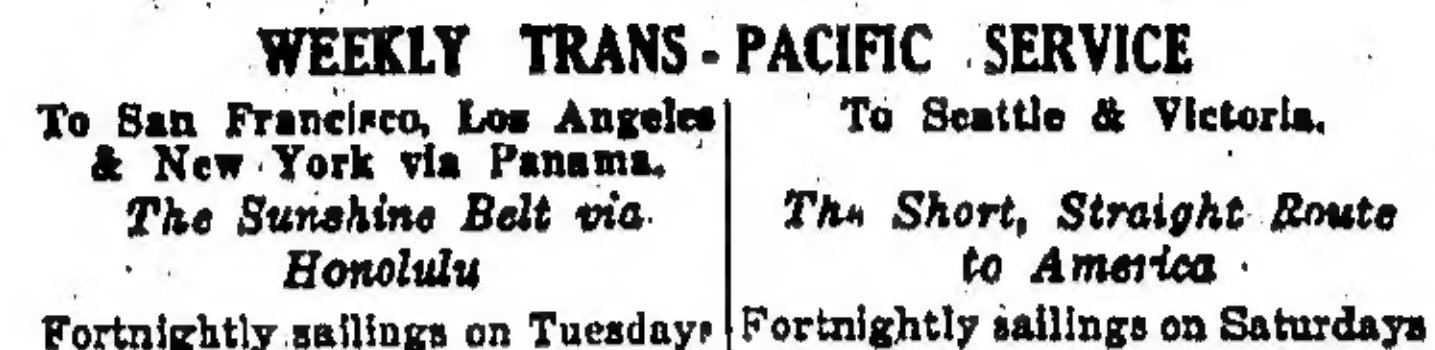
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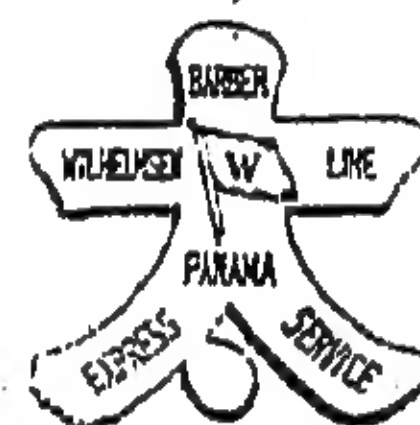
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RADIO TOPICS

SINGAPORE SOCIETY.

Oppressive Silence Ended.

Singapore, January 27.
After an oppressive silence of
some two months things are begin-
ning to move again in local wire-
less circles, and an extraordinary
general meeting of the Amateur
Wireless Society of Malaya (Singa-
pore) has been called for February
11, to be held in the club house at
6.15. The secretary of the club
apologises for the delay in calling
this meeting, but "with one thing
and another"—especially the "an-
other"—he has been unable to take
the necessary steps to call the
meeting earlier.

It will be recalled that at the
last annual meeting a proposal was
put forward to alter the rules so
as to allow of members of the
wireless trade to be appointed to
the committee. There was a good
deal of opposition to this proposal
—opposition based on the argu-
ment that as the Society is an
amateur one members of the trade
should be excluded from holding
official positions. It was argued,
however, that it was only fair that
the trade should have at least some
say in the control, and after con-
siderable argument it was decided
to allow the proposal to rest over
for consideration by the newly
elected committee.

Two weeks later a committee
meeting was held at which the re-
commendation was considered and
a decision taken to call an extra-
ordinary general meeting in order
to ascertain the views of the mem-
bers, and, if approved, to alter the
rule relating to the exclusion of
members of the trade from the
committee. While there was strong
opposition to the proposal when it
first originated, I believe I am
right in saying that that opposition
has now considerably diminished,
as it is realised that one member
of the trade on the committee
would be unable, even if he so de-
sired, to influence matters to the
benefit of the trade and to the de-
triment of the Society. A large at-
tendance at this meeting is earnestly
requested as this is not the only
matter of importance to be discus-
ed.—Straits Times Wireless Cor-
respondent.

SHORT-WAVE SHORTS.

P. C. J. Hilversum, the famous
Dutch short-waver, which closed
down recently, will resume opera-
tions again in April.

New Zealand is allowing the
N.Z.B.C.'s broadcasting licence to
lapse, and the Auckland, Christ-
church and Dunedin stations will
in future be controlled by a govern-
ing body under a chairman, very
much on the lines of the B.B.C.

Rome is solving the silent-studio
problem by having its eight main
studios underground in the new
Broadcasting Palace.

Pegau is the actual site of the
new Leipzig station, which is to
have a maximum power of 150 kw.

Radio Lyons, which has been
testing on a power of 30 kw., will
be able to increase this to 60 kw.
if needed.

St. Andre de Corey, a village on
the Dombes plateau, has been
provisionally chosen as the
ultimate site for the new Radio
Lyons high-power station.

Firenze (which is Italian for
Florence) is a 20-kw. station, and
will take its programmes from
Milan, Naples, Rome and Turin.

EMPIRE BROADCASTING.

The first step towards the de-
velopment of the new Empire
broadcasting scheme was taken on
January 4, when 6SW began a ser-
vice of special news bulletins.
These bulletins are given three
times daily, i.e., at noon, 6 p.m.,
and midnight, and they are arrang-
ed by Reuter's Agency, with a view
to the suitability for overseas
listeners. This is the phase of
Empire broadcasting which it is
thought will be most acceptable in
the Colonies, comments a London
paper. The arrangement follows
in plan the temporary service
which was given just before the
Colonial Conference in London in
1930, in order that the delegates
coming to England should already
have a grasp of the possibilities of
an Imperial broadcasting service.
It was then estimated by the B.B.C.
that a news service of the kind
now established would cost £2,000
per annum.

CONTROL IN NEW ZEALAND.

An Act placing the control of
broadcasting in New Zealand in the
hands of an appointed board was
passed by the New Zealand Parlia-
ment recently, and the four main
stations were taken over from the
Radio Broadcasting Co., Ltd., on
January 1, when the company's five
years' licence expired. The
general policy adopted is very
similar to that of the British
Broadcasting Corporation. The
board consists of three members,
who appoint an advisory committee
at each station and also an ad-
visory council of eight members,
who are nominated by various
listeners' organisations. It is
understood that the board will
shortly consider the possibility of
taking over a dozen of the existing
"B" class stations now operated by
business houses in various parts of
the country, and may institute a
relay system on lines similar to
that of the B.B.C.

TECHNICAL SIDE.

High praise for the technical
side of American broadcasting is
contained in the annual report of
the Federal Radio Commission for
1931. General Charles Saltsman,
declares that the last year has seen
almost a complete revolution
in the type of equipment used.
Complying with a technical order
of the Commission, all stations are
now supposed to have equipment
capable of better than 75 per cent.
modulation. On June 30 last there
were exactly 612 broadcasting
stations in the United States. The
report calls attention to the new
set of rules and regulations which
will be promulgated within the
next few weeks. Among them will
be relaxation of the present rigid
requirements regarding the de-
scription of recorded programmes or
"electrical transcriptions,"
though their character must still
be made clear to the listening
public. Call letters may now be
announced at thirty-minute inter-
vals instead of every quarter of an
hour.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.

Following the opening of the
new high-power broadcasting
station at Prague, Czecho-Slovakia
is rejoicing over the biggest month-
ly increase in receiving licences
recorded in 1931. The total rose
from 343,869 in October to 355,492
in November. In January, 1932,
the number was 1,554; a year later
it was 12,000, and in January, 1927,
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" Prime Cut	牛尾	"	30	23	11		
" Corned	咸牛肉	"	25	18			
" Roast	牛尾	"	33	24	23		
" Breast	牛尾	"	30	20	18		
" Soup	牛尾	"	27	20	18		
" Steak	牛尾	"	33	24	23		
" Steak Sirloin	牛尾	"	46	30	35		
" Sausages	牛尾	"	38	26	20		
Butcher's Brains	牛尾	per set	17	10	12		
" Tongue, fresh	牛尾	each	75	50	60		
" Tongue, corned	牛尾	"	60				
" Head	牛尾	lb.	120	110			
" Heart	牛尾	lb.	24	18	14		
" Hump, Salt	牛尾	"	20	18			
" Feet	牛尾	each	12	10	12		
" Kidneys	牛尾	"	16	10	12		
" Tail	牛尾	"	27	20	23		
" Liver	牛尾	lb.	24	18	14		
" Tripe	牛尾	"	8	6	7		
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭蹄	set	150	100	110		
Mutton Chop	羊尾	lb.	44	25			
" Leg	羊尾	"	44	25			
" Shoulder	羊尾	"	40	24			
" Saddle	羊尾	"	44				
Pig's Chittlings	猪尾	"	30	27			
" Brains	猪尾	Per set	4				
" Feet	猪尾	lb.	16	15			
" Fry	猪尾	"	30	15	18		
" Head	猪尾	"	20	20			
" Heart	猪尾	each	18	10	10		
" Kidneys	猪尾	"	15	10	8		
" Liver	猪尾	lb.	58	30	24		
" Pork Chop	猪尾	"	38	25	23		
" Leg	猪尾	"	40				
" Loin	猪尾	"	44	30	70		
" Fat or Lard	猪尾	"	25	21			
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭脚	per set	90	70			
" Heart	羊尾	each	12	8	7		
" Kidneys	羊尾	"	10	12	10		
" Liver	羊尾	"	46	26	25		
Sucking Pig, to order	猪仔	lb.	25	24	22		
Suck. Beef	牛	"	30	20	18		
" Mutton	羊	"	38	26	26		
Veal	牛	"	32	20	20		
" Sausages	牛	"	28				
No. 1 Fish.							
Barbel	魚	lb.	52	16	24		
Bream	魚	"	52	20	14		
Canton Fresh Water	魚	"	32				
Carp	魚	"	34	13	16		
Catfish	魚	"	38	18	27		
Codfish	魚	"	34	12	9		
Crabs	魚	"	54	16	17		
Cuttle Fish	魚	"	30	23	26		
Dab	魚	"	26	16	27		
Dace	魚	"	44	23	16		
Dog Fish	魚	"	22	10			
Eels, Conger	魚	"	64	10	8		
" Fresh Water	魚	"	72	16			
" Yellow	魚	"	52	10	8		
Frogs	魚	"	84	26	30		
Garoupa	魚	"	110	32	25		
Gauzeon	魚	"	24	40	30		
Herrings	魚	"	32	22	18		
Halibut	魚	"	38	18	23		
Labrus	魚	"	35	18	15		
Loach	魚	"	30	22	18		
Lobsters	魚	"	60	62	24		
Mackerel	魚	"	44	32	21		
Monk Fish	魚	"	46	20	20		
Mullet	魚	"	30	18	2		
Oysters	魚	"	44	12	2		
Parrot Fish	魚	"	26	14	9		
Perch	魚	"	28	30	15		
Plaice	魚	"	44	15	9		
Pomfret, White	魚	"	56	33	30		
Pomfret, Black	魚	"	44	38	45		
Prawns	魚	"	76	10	14		
Ray	魚	"	24	10	14		
Rock Fish	魚	"	26	18	13		
Roach	魚	"	38	22	10		
Salmon	魚	"	58	36	30		
Shark	魚	"	20	8	10		
Skate	魚	"	20	10	10		
Shrimps	魚	"	62	33	30		
Snapper	魚	"	42	33	30		
Soles	魚	"	35	22	28		
Tench	魚	"	38	26	25		
Turbot	魚	"	36	12	12		
Turtles, small fr. water	魚	"	155	12	12		
Poultry.							
Chicken	雞	lb.	66	30	31		
Capon, Small	雞	"	60	28	30		
Capon, Large	雞	"	64	28	30		
Duck	鴨	"	48	22	21		
Doves	鳩	each	22	21			
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	per doz.	38	18			
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	"	40	25	20		
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	80	36	24		
Fowls, Hainan	雞	"	60	35	24		
Geese	鴨	"	50	24	24		
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	55	30			
" Hoihow	鴿	"	40	29			
Turkeys, Cock	雞	lb.	80				
Turkeys, Hen	雞	"	72	61	45		
Snipe	鴨	each	30				
Pheasant	鴨	pair	220				
Quail	鴨	each	30				
Partridges	鴨	"	30				
Fruits.							
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	120	35			
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	24	26			
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	"	6	4			
Carambola	楊桃	"	12				
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14	10	10		
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	12	25	30		
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	13	8			
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	100	25	30		
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	"	20				
Oranges	橙	"	16		15		
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	36				
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12		
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	"	12				
Plantain	大蕉	"	8				
Pineapple Siam	暹羅柚	each	15	12	6		
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	30		16		
Grapes	葡萄	"	60				
Vegetables, &c.							
Artichokes	洋蔥	each	12		8		
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	6		7		
" Long	豆苗	"	1		8		
Beet Root	甜菜	"	12				
Bitter Squash	紅苦	"	8	24			
Brinjals, Green	紅青	"	8	5	3		
" Red	紅青	"	8	5	3		
Cabbage, Chinese	紅芥	"	10				
" (Shanghai)	紅芥	"	12	12			
Cane Shoots, bunch	大椰菜	each	35				
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜	"	30				
" (Medium)	中椰菜	"	20	6	6		
" (Small)	小椰菜	"	16	6	6		
Carrots	金線	lb.	6	5	6		
Celery, Chinese	奧律	"	16	10	6		
Chillies, Dried	紅青	"	18	25	6		
" Red	紅青	"	14	10	10		
" Green	紅青	"	8	8	12		
Curry Stuff, English	清材料	"	10	8			
Cucumbers	清瓜	"	2				
Garlic	蒜	"	8	6	6		
Ginger, Young	薑	"	10	7			
" Old	老薑	"	8	20			
Rosseradish, Shanghai	菜	"	60	8	4		
Indian Corn	粟	each	10	45			
Lettuces	生菜	lb.	6	1			
Water Chestnuts	菜膽	"	12		8		
" Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	"	14		8		
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮蘑菇	"					
Okroes	鮮蘑菇	"			1	10	
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	"	10	8	8		
" Green	生蔥	"	6	4	6		
" Shanghai	上海蔥	"	8	6			
Parley	芥菜	"	30	60	8		
Potato, Sweet	芋	"	5	8			
" Japanese	日本芋	"	3				
" American	金多	"	5	4	4		
Pumpkin	瓜	"	5	4	4		
Radish	蘿蔔	"					
Shallots (Fresh)	紅大	"			10		
Shallots	紅大	"			8		
Spinach	芥藍	"			8		
Tomatoes	茄	"	12	4	7		
Taro	芋	"	6	6			
Turnips, Punt (Long)	菜	"	10	4			
Vegetable Marrow	菜	"	15	15			
Water Cress	菜	"	6	15			
Water Lily Root	菜	"	6	15			

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THREE-FOLD BOMB PLOT ENQUIRIES.

Revelations in U.S.
Outrages.

New York.
Investigations by postal inspectors into the bombs by post terror, which is sweeping the United States, have disclosed a three-fold plot aimed at Wall Street officials, prominent Italians, and high Government officials.
Inquiries have led to the belief that a Wall Street outrage was forestalled in December, when precautions were taken by the police in the area, following warnings from Federal agents.
The bombs delivered at Easton (Pa.), are believed to have been the second phase in the plot, and in the meantime the Post Office have discovered two persons who witnessed the actual mailing of the packages containing the bombs.
A clerk at an hotel, where the investigators of the outrages are believed to have stayed, has identified some of the hotel visitors among photographs in the police "Rogues Gallery."

SPANISH REFUSAL TO RAILWAYMEN.

State Ownership and
Higher Pay.

Madrid.
Spanish railwaymen are anxious that the railways should be taken over by the Government and nationalised, but Senor Prieto, Minister of Public Works, although a Socialist, says the State is not in a position to accept the plan.
Answering the suggestion of the National Syndicate of Railwaymen that the State should grant a provisional increase of wages during the time that the question of the railway nationalisation is at stake, the Minister adds:
"We all know what the word 'provisional' means in Spain, especially in matters concerning the State. In this country 'provisional' means 'definite' as a rule, and in some cases 'everlasting'."

THEATRE HAT BAN.

Death Of Man Who First Imposed
It On Women.

The man who banned women's hats at theatre matinees is dead.
He was Mr. Tom B. Davis, the theatrical producer and manager of Oakdale Road, Tunbridge Wells, whose death, at the age of sixty-four, has occurred.
It was in 1903, in the days when hats were hats, that Mr. Davis, who was then manager of the Queen's, decided to print on all tickets a notice asking women to remove their hats. His only concession was to women over fifty, who were allowed, lest their health should suffer, to wear close fitting bonnets.
Mr. Davis gave Leslie Stuart his first commission as a theatrical composer. The result was "Flordora" at the Lyric in 1899—the most successful production of Mr. Davis' career.

DISARMAMENT.

Sir John Simon Presents
Britain's Proposal.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The main features of Britain's Disarmament proposals announced at the plenary session of the Geneva Conference by the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, to-day, are the abolition of submarine and gas and chemical warfare, the reduction in size of warships and of their gun calibre; the prohibition of land guns over certain calibre and the limitation of conscription by agreement.
In reference to submarines, Sir John Simon said, "Skill and gallantry in this dangerous service—in Britain to-day we mourn the loss of a submarine crew of sixty men engulfed in time of peace—are no justification for its continuance." He added, "I will not disguise the fact that the abolition of the submarine would be in the interests of our country, but in saying this I absolutely deny that we regard its abolition as any exclusive interest of ours. The abolition of submarines would be a contribution to disarmament which the citizens of every country could understand. Our proposal is in the interests of humanity and stable and permanent peace."

The Common Object.

Regarding the principle underlying the proposals, Sir John Simon said, "Since our common object is to diminish the sum total of armaments and expenditure upon them, it follows that we must direct special attention to such prohibition or limitation as will weaken attack and so remove temptation for aggression. Many peace conferences had been held before this and the consequence of their failure has been written in blood in the history of the world. Failure now means nothing short of immeasurable calamity."
He reminded the Conference that the intention was both explicit and implicit in the Versailles Treaty that nations who even now were still suffering from the scourge of four years' warfare should reduce the means of conflict through reduction of national armaments by international agreement. They must do this while the lessons of war were still fresh in the people's minds. Disarmament was a means to an end.

Promotion of Peace.

Terrible as was the economic burden of armament and enormous as would be the relief to taxpayers if it were lifted, that was not the primary purpose for which they pursued it. Disarmament was pursued as the most effective method of promoting peace and of limiting the risk of sudden and devastating war by the restriction of armaments to what was strictly necessary for defence and for international obligations; and by comparison and co-operation among themselves to discredit extravagant and fantastic claims, and to fix the maximum in each case at the lowest figure possible.
The proposition was that the peace of the world could be secured by anybody, but the high level of armaments was no substitute for security. At best it only created an illusion of security in one quarter while at the same time aggravating the sense of insecurity in another.

FIRE OUTBREAKS IN AUSTRALIA.

Commonwealth Capital
Threatened.

Sydney (N.S.W.).
More than fifty thousand sheep have perished in bush fires which are sweeping over large areas in New South Wales, and which may even endanger Canberra, the capital of the Commonwealth.
Tremendous damage has been done to the sheep pastures in the Riverina district, and fears are entertained that the fires on the western bank of the Murrumbidgee may leap the river. In this case Canberra and the neighbouring afforestation would be seriously threatened.
Thousands of men are fighting the flames, and all the fire-fighting resources of the capital are being held in readiness for any emergency.
A later message, however, stated that a change of wind blew the flames away from the capital and thus saved the situation.

GENERAL'S DRAMATIC SUICIDE.

Hungarian Custom and
Political Sensation.

A political sensation of the first magnitude was caused in Budapest by the dramatic suicide, in prison, of General Franz Schill, a high officer of the Hungarian police force, who had been arrested in connection with the coup d'etat that failed.
According to Hungarian custom, the unfortunate general was offered an opportunity of exercising justice on himself.
He was left alone in his cell for a few minutes with a cord. When the guard returned they found his dead body hanging in the cell.

another. Security for all depended on armaments reduction. Armaments were the symptom of pathological condition. It was an attempt to rid oneself of plague by infecting it on one's neighbours.
At the conclusion of Sir John Simon's speech there was enthusiastic applause and the delegates of many countries shook him by the hand and warmly congratulated him.

France's Scheme.

M. Tardieu, who followed Sir John Simon, amplified the French scheme already outlined and declared that France was ready to make contractual engagements to limit armaments during a fixed period and would favourably examine any reductions which might be suggested supplementary to those within the framework of the draft convention. He summarised the heritage of the last war in following striking figures. Ten million lives were sacrificed, eight thousand million pounds worth of destruction was caused; and eight hundred and eighty million pounds in military expenditure.

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